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## Editorial

# Journal of the PlagueWeek 

The most chaotic period in modern history occurred during the administration of Gerald Ford. An outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease panicked a nation, and for a few weeks no American went to bed entirely certain that he would wake up. This diary describes one man's experiences during the week the terrible plague was at its height.

Monday. The first news story appeared this morning. Outraged, I decided to keep a diary, knowing full well the value of such documents if the plague should have a good long run.

Several elderly members of the American Legion have been struck down in their second childhoods by an amuck virus. The brainless one-celled animal has decided to play God. The sooner antiviral weapons are brought to bear on this dangerous and desperate microbe, the sooner we can all sneeze easier.

Monday later. This afternoon, prompted by more deaths and a clearly increasing incidence of the disease, I visited the supermarket in order to lay down a store of canned goods against the breakdown of services sure to follow in the wake of these tidings. Pressing a handkerchief soaked in Remy Martin over my breath holes, I fill my cart with canned artichoke hearts and red wine. The sight of two elderly women in conversation reminds me that death is nature's way of killing off old people. I resolve to warn my older friends to wear scarves and dress up warmly. No sense taking chances. Before I leave for the office, I burn twenty pounds of garlic in the fireplace. I hope it worked, as it killed two cats in the apartment above.

People I pass on the way to the office look slightly unhealthy. These I push away with the tip of my umbrella.

Tuesday. Mysteriously, more cats in my building have died. Also a dog that used to bark outside my backyard. I point out to investigating officers the likelihood of the cats' having fallen victim to some strange animal offshoot of Legionnaire's Disease. In the morning, I visit my M.D. It has occurred to me that cocaine might serve as a vaccine. I volunteer to act as a guinea pig, crawling around on my hands and knees and squeaking madly to emphasize the point.

Afternoon. At work. The publisher attempts to eject my bagpiper from the office. I am becoming convinced that he wishes to physically attack me. He seems to seek out every opportunity to quarrel. The other day, he offered to compete with me in a footrace. Perhaps he knows about-??? In any case, if he persists in this unusual behavior, I shall have my chauffeur whip him with the CB antenna.


Tuesday evening. S. W. Goatlips and I take our carrier pigeons out to Montauk and release them. Mine carried a message to the spouse. "I shall not be home for dinner. Kill the messenger. See you at breakfast. All is well."

Goatlips's message was somewhat silly, but no matter, as the kite he had attached to the poor bird's legs was caught up by the offshore wind and the struggling oiseau was swept far out to sea.

Wednesday. In order to ascertain the state of my neighbors' health, I roam the street with my wheelbarrow, shouting, "Bring out your dead." The newspapers are as ominously silent as my neighbors. I resolve to visit some clubs in the evening and see if the Negroes and so on are doing the "dance of death." I am given to understand that at these times there is some danger of strangers desiring to copulate with one. Be warned: I carry a knout of stout hemp.

At the office, I write a short exposé. Crooked philosophers preach wrong world view! scream my fingers to the typewriter. How time flies when you're having people on! I call retired editor P. J. O'Rourke at his glass beach house in Bali. He says he has purchased the blood of an old person who lived through the flu epidemic of '16. Apparently the antibodies are still active, and P.J. has just replaced his own blood with the aged stuff. He does not offer me any. I shall remember that.

After work, I struggle with the difference between pandemic and epidemic, as well as with three waiters and the difference between the amount on the tab and the currency in my wallet. My spouse informs me she has discharged the maid for coughing like a horse.

Thursday. I shake the dew from my overcoat and arise, having spent the night in the field again. The grass smells sweet but tickles your follicles, and bugs crawl all over you, especially if you've been drinking. More nonsense at the office. I knock off early. It is curious to note that, so far, the only victims of the disease have been Republicans.

Friday. Editor X has not been in the office for some time. I wonder if he is dead, and who gets his office. How sad it would be for his family and creditors if this were the case. Too dangerous to attend the funeral, of course, but I shall certainly order that a bean can with a single daisy be placed on his resting place, and as a last respect insure that the publisher does not send his old color television to X's widow. Life and Hershey bars are often bittersweet.

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won't share their bods with us? I mean, why else did we buy tickets, anyway? Baseball sure is a crummy sport.

Sue, Shannon, Posie, and Pam Houston, Tex.

## Sirs:

Here's one. What does Pat Benatar want for Christmas? A staple gun and a bottle of iodine. Not bad for my first joke, eh? I'm in for armed robbery, so it's not really my subject matter.

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Sirs:
It is raining outside like a cat and dog attack; I am not sure how long I will survive the small, terrible space of this room, but there is conspicuously no other choice to be made for the minute. I am of course fully bored at a moment like this, so I gradually wander into a pit of lively memories, as if my eyes were sucked into the back-ward-spinning clock of time, where items return to the mind like they are realistically happening. Calcutta, 1978. My lepers are everywhere. Sitting on the ledges. Plugging the doorways like melted mounds of gauze. A scaly, dermal slough forms by the chute for debris as I shovel another accumulation of fingers and ears and unidentifiable leavings of the inmates from the floors and the other horizontal surfaces. Then the famous prize came to me, and the instant and sizable notoricty, followed by ceremonies, interviews, conferences, and personal appearances in all sections of the world. Excuse me, a clanking and chirping of roustabouts in the adjoining room has now jostled me from the clock of recollections and 1 must again cope bencath the reality of nothing to do until the raining stops and the parade of the rodeo begins. Being parade marshal for the Calgary Stampede is naturally an uncustomary experience to me, though nevertheless I am preferring most all of these new situations instead of the filthy, leprous one in Calcutta. Suddenly the revelers in the next room have subsided, and so perhaps I will now drop back into the bed for the time being. I must however send a note to myself to replace this travel robe of mine. It is certainly much too bulky.

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# Mrs.Reagan's Diary 

Ever since I was a little girl I've wanted to live in a big white house. I have to pinch myself every few minutes to make sure I'm not in a dream or a motion picture. I am living in the biggest and whitest house in the world. It's marvelous! Except for the powder-room shortage and the Vegas flock wallpaper everywhere. But not to worry; what goes up can certainly come down, and I'm sure we can find some budget fat to spend on a rest facility or two.

Not to sound like Pouting Patty, but, gosh, for a national shrine the place is not what I imagined it to be. Do you know that they have tours through the downstairs at all hours of the day? People stand at the fence and look in. Sometimes I feel like I live in the zoo. But I guess all great positions have their drawbacks.

Now, about the Carters. Lovely people, truly sweet people. I have always thought it to be in the worst taste to talk about people behind their backs, but can I say a thing or two about the way the previous administration left the White House? Wads of coat hangers on the closet floors, drawers left open, rust rings in the commodes! And the room where they kept the elderly grandmother! Great, huge, yellow toenail clippings just everywhere! Amy is a lovely youngster,
and I guess like all youngsters she has things on her mind other than keeping a tidy room, but there's no excuse for some of the mess. Example-snarls of red hair under the bed. Peculiar? Yes, ma'am. I'm sure that Washington was a shock to their systems, and I'm sure that they will be much better off being "plain folks" down at their peanut ranch. I know it's a great burden off Bill's shoulders that his brother is out of office. I believe Ronnie's brothers are dead. No, come to think of it, I think one still survives. Don't quote me. At any rate he won't be driven to drinking like a fish and crying on Tom Snyderman's shoulder on national late-night TV.

I could not be more delighted that Bill Simon said no to Ronnie about the treasury job. Bill is a sweet man, a real hardworking, honest sort, but his mouth! I choke to think he puts his food in there. The stories that man tells, I know he's a real pro when it comes to the economy, but if I had to endure another of his "bawdy tales," I swear I'd jump up and down until my hose bagged at the knees. He told one story about a hussy with a prosthetic eye who took it out to entertain men, and I felt my veal Orloff flip right over! P.U. to you, Bill Simon!

Another thing I will not tolerate in my husband's government is cigar

smoking. To me a cigar is a cigarette that hasn't learned any manners. Pewy, stinky things they are. One of the press fellas dared light one in an airplane hangar up in New Hampshire, and - I don't care that I was a hundred yards away - I had Don, the Secret Service man, tell him to put it out or get a punch in the breadbasket! If Ronnie has any plans to normalize relations with Cuba (which I don't think he has, since he's been telling friends that if Russia trips, Cuba falls), I hope he'll inform old Mr. Castro that his beard and cigar won't get across the U.S. border. Ronnie knows that if he doesn't, he'll have to fold his own socks!

Speaking of Communists. I am not looking forward to meeting Mr . Brezhnev. Betty (that's Ford) told me that when she met him he kissed her for the longest time and put his leg against hers. When Ronnie talks about a strong defense against the Russians I hope he remembers that defense starts at home. I think a rude rub deserves an embargo of some sort.

First thing in the morning I'm going to find out what I have to do to get Toni Tennille on a coin or a stamp. She's been such a dear and long hard supporter! Her husband is a real supporter too. Betsy Bloomingdale, my dearest and oldest friend, is slated for a submarine-the U.S.S: Betsy Bloomingdale. Can you imagine the kooky promotional tie-in at her department store? It could be just marvelous. For my hairstylist, a new kind of tank, maybe? Ronnie said I'm going off the deep end in a barrel with my idea for a line of missiles named after clothes designers. He's right, though. I think it's more fitting that they just profit from association with the First Lady. We shall see!

Wait'll you hear this one! Guess who wrote a congratulatory note to Ronnie! Jane W-y-m-a-n! The gall! If this were not 1981 I'd have her tax forms audited so bad she wouldn't know whether to spend or charge!

We had the George Bush family for dinner. Ho hum. Nice folks, but ho hum. George Jr. is so jealous of Ron Jr. that he could just burst. Ronnie said it's probably just George Jr.'s disappointment at being vice-president's son instead of being First Son, but I think it runs deeper than that. Mrs. Bush is a lovely woman although a bit of a "wide load" and certainly no blue-ribbon winner in the clothes decontinued


## MRS. REAGAN'S DIARY

 continuedpartment. George is handsome and pleasant, but, my goodness, what does he have in his pockets that makes him keep his hands in there all the time? Bill Simon (yes, that Bill Simon) once said Gcorge was a great pocket-pool player. Maybe he has a couple of balls in there. Who knows?

So Bill Casey's going to head the CIA! Good choice! Bill is one of the sneakiest little dickenses you'll ever want to meet! I say that with the greatest of respect. I sincerely love Bill and I admire his stealthiness. You can be riding in a car with Bill and ask him what kind of gas station will be coming up next, and he'll grab the car
phone and find out right away. Not only will he find out the name, he'll find out whether or not it's self-serve. He's also super at hiding. Just kiddingly I said to him, "Gee whiz, Bill, you'll be no fun on Easter, you'll know a week in advance where all the eggs are hidden!" Well, let me tell you, that made everyone laugh themselves silly, even Caspar Weinberger, who only laughs at his own jokes!

This whole business of picking a cabinet was a crashing bore! The whole time it was going on, Ronnie was a grouch and the phone wouldn't stop ringing long enough to rest its little bells! And this picking-a-minority-person jazz! I told Ronnie from the start to pick a Dane or a Finn
or a Welshman. Those are your real minorities. You know, being in a minority doesn't mean you have to be colored or Mexican. "Minority" simply means that your type of people are not terribly predominant.

I don't hear the media people carping for a handicapped cabinet ? member. I'm sure there are jillions of qualified handicappers who would be tickled to death to work at the White House. Speaking of handicapped, one of the things Ronnie and I want to do as a sort of an official hobby is help the mentally retarded. Ronnie said it best: "Mommy, we speak their language!" And gosh darn but somebody ought to help them out, more so than the people who come to these shores


Does your car

looking for a handout and a nice cushy prison cell.

On to something more important! First Dog! Ronnie and I still have not decided what to do about an official U.S. pup. All the transition fellas have been so busy with the cabinet search and hooking up copy machines and buying office supplies that Project Pooch has kind of fallen between some aide's crack. However, Ronnie and I have it narrowed down to a couple of sets of parents. There's Pepper Hill Rita of the Pepper family of Jack Russell terriers, and Aspen Ridge Boy of the Virginia Aspen Ridge family. They are a lovely couple, and if they like each other enough to have a little puppy love, then they may
find their son or daughter representing the nation's dogs in Washington. The other consideration is that if Ronnie isn't able to find a woman for a cabinet post, or if they find a woman who is sort of manly, we just might take any old girl pup that comes from a good family, to take a little "heat" off the women's-rights brouhaha. First Horse is no problem. Back in 1976 Ronnie and I flipped a nickel to see whose horse would get the honor in the event that we should win the Big One. I won the toss, he won the election. Doesn't everything just work out fine? I'm so delighted that Patti's career is taking off. And it's nice to know that it's not because Ronnie is president. She's changed her name to Davis and
is singing as herself-not as First Daughter. Ronnie and I are very proud -so proud that I've even laid to rest my old quarrel with Patti's spending the evening unescorted with that fella who plays accordion in the rock ensemble the Eagles. (Or is it the Eagle People?)

Oh, those poor, poor, poor souls in Italy. First they get hit with all that European-style communism, and then the strikes, a spate of horrible movies, Sophia Loren's tax troubles, and now a couple of big earthquakes. After living in California I know how an earthquake can rattle your nerves! I'd be glad to send some old clothes, but who in the world over there is a size
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## The Custom Budget Motel

## by John Bendel

"Hello, sir. Hello, ma’am. Welcome to the Custom Budget Motel."
"We'd like a room, please."
"Certainly, sir. Fill out this card, please. What kind of a room would you like?"
"Kind of room?"
"Yes, sir. We have many kinds of rooms here at the Custom Budget Motel."
"Uh, well, what kind of rooms do you have?"
"Oh, we've got large and small rooms. We've got square rooms, round rooms, rectangular rooms. We could even put together a trapezoid or parallelogram for you, sir."
"Harry, what kind of place is this?"
"Don't worry, honey. Uh, look, what's your least expensive room?"
"A square room, sir."
"Fine. We'll take a square room""
"Very good, sir. What size?"
"Well, what are the prices?"
"The smallest square rooms are five dollars, and the prices go up from there."
"That's a good deal. We'll take a five-dollar square room."
"Very good, sir. Then you won't be needing a bed."
"I beg your pardon?"
"I said you won't be needing a bed, right?"
"Of course we'll be needing a bed!"
"Oh, I'm sorry, sir, but a bed won't fit in our five-dollar square room. You'll have to take at least a sevendollar square room to get a bed in there."
"Harry, I don't think I like this place."
"Look, honcy, everything's going to be fine. At these prices you've got to expect a little inconvenience. Uh, okay, we'll take a seven-dollar room."
"With a bed?"
"Right."
"Okay, that will be three dollars extra."
"You mean it costs three bucks extra for a bed in a motel room?"
"Well, sir, you can see how low our rates are. We have to charge for the extras."
"Okay, okay, I guess it's still a reasonable deal".
"Right, sir. Now, what about walls?"


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"Yes, sir. Would you like your room to have walls?"
"You mean our ten-dollar square room with bed doesn't even have walls?"
"I'm sorry, sir. I should have explained. Of course it has walls. Your room has basic toilet-divider-type walls. They do the essential job, but they don't go all the way to the ceiling or the floor."
"Harry. I really don't like this place at all."
"Wait a minute, honey. Uh, how much extra is it for walls that go all the way to the ceiling and the floor?"
"Only another five dollars."
"Look, honey, that still comes to only fifteen bucks, and we're here already. I mean, you've got to be home in a couple of hours, and ...uh, er...I mean, we don't have all night to find a place to stay, if you get my drift. Let's just take the room."
"If you say so, Harry."
"Okay. Fifteen dollars. We'll take it."
"Fine. Now, will you be wanting a window?"
"Is that extra?"
"Yes, sir."
"Well, I suppose we can get along without a window."
"Right, sir. Then you'll be needing a door."
"A door?"
"Oh, yes. We recommend a door when you've got ceiling-to-floor walls and no window. It makes it much easier to get in and out of the room."
"Please, Harry. I don't want to stay here. Let's sleep in the car, if you know what I mean."
"Well, sweetheart, if you feel that way about it, okay. We could save a lot of money if we did that."
"Oh, I'm so sorry, sir, but we've already rented your car."
"You've what?"
"Rented your car. You see, in order to defray costs and provide you with a bargain-priced service here at Custom Budget Motel, we rent your car while you spend the evening with us. You signed the contract when you filled out the registration card. I'm so sorry."
"Do you mean to tell me that we can't leave here?"
"Of course you can, sir! You're free to leave anytime you like, but you'll have to come back in the morning for your car."
"Harry; oh, God! Do something!"
"Look, buster, you can't get away
with this! Either you produce my car immediately or I'll call the police!"
"I'm so sorry you feel that way, sir, especially since you agreed in writing to our car-rental arrangement. But if you want to call the police, you can use my phone. Please, go ahead. It's all right."
"Harry! No! Don't call the cops! My usband-hay is an op-cay!"
"Oh, shit. What are we going to do now?"
"Excuse me for butting in, sir, but I think you should go ahead and take a room. At least that way you'll get a good night's rest while you're waiting for your car."
"He's right, honey."
"Oh, Harry. I'm so upset!"
"Now just try to calm down, honey. Look, pal, we'll take the room, okay?"
"Right, sir. Just one more thingwe've got a special this week on sheets, pillows, blankets, and heat."
"Oh, great. How much?"
"Only twenty dollars, sir."
"Okay, okay. Is there anything else?"
"Well, I should tell you that Custom Budget Motel is built on a landfill."
"So?"
"Well, sir, the dirt floors tend to have a rather strong aroma. But for only twenty dollars more, I'll throw in a wood floor, and for another five dollars, I'll give you wall-to-wall carpet."
"Okay, buddy. Here's sixty bucks. Let's get this show on the road."
"Right you are, sir. Oh, by the way, will you be going to the bathroom during your stay with us?"


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## Diagnostic Doctor

by Ed Subitsky

Most doctors, because they know so little, are afraid to diagnose in print. But the author of this column got a $B+$ in high school biology and has read a lot of health books, many of them several hundred pages long. Send confidential inquiries to: Diagnosis, c/o National Lampoon, 635 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022.

Q: I have a splitting headache.
R.V., Owensville, Oreg.

A: If you're not allergic to it, take two aspirin.

Q: Is my knee broken?
J.H., West Islip, Mont.

A: If it hurts a lot, it may be.
Q: I've got this bad pain in my side. L.E., Tufton, Vt .

A: If it doesn't go away, it might be something serious.

Q: I've been coughing a lot.
C.L., West Falls, Ontario

A: You could have anything from a simple infection to a dread disease. Try to keep warm.

Q: I discovered these funny warts on my ears.
S. N., Casper, Wyo.

A: That's not as nature intended.

Q: My joints have been hurting a lot lately.
C. S., Sutton, W. Va.

A: They probably hurt worse when you move, so try to stay still.

Q: I've got this sharp pain in my right side.

> L. L., Macon, Ga.

A: It could be appendicitis. But if you've had your apbendix taken out, it's something else.

Q: I feel dizzy sometimes.
K. V., Pineville, Oreg.

A: Healthy people don't feel dizzy. It sounds to me like you've got something wrong with you.

Q: There are these tiny red spots all over my body.
D. N., Edson, Alberta

A: Send me a color photograph. By the way, if you shop around, you can probably find a camera store that'll give you a free coupon toward a box of personalized Christmas cards.

Q: I get nauseous in the mornings.
B.N., L.A., Cal.

A: If you were a woman, you could be pregnant. But because you're a man, you're probably sick.


Q: I've got this terrible pain in my lower back.
R. K., Corbin, Ky.

A: See if you can't keep your mind off it. Try guessing the answer to this riddle: "What has twenty-two legs and catches flies?" It's a tricky one and you should be able to concentrate on it for a long timie.

Q: Lately I don't seem to have any energy. Is this serious?

> R. B., New Haven, Conn.

A: Sometimes, depending on what's causing it.

Q: My vision has been blurry for several days, and it's getting me worried.
T. W., Minot, N. Dak.

A: Don't worry. If it's something serious, you'll find out soon enough.

Q: I'm forty-seven years old, and my friends say I don't look so good these days.

> E. M., Hagerstown, Md.

A: It could be just a vitamin deficiency. But if you are eating three squares a day, you probably have some kind of disease.

Q: I've always had beautiful skin. But when I woke up this morning, I had these strange scaly patches.
V. C., Mullen, Nebr.

A: I didn't wake up with any. So I guess you have something wrong with you.

Q: I have this horrible cough that I can't get rid of. I've been smoking two packs a day for over twenty years, and, frankly, I'm terrified of lung cancer.
B. A., Rocky Ford, Colo.

A: Maybe I can cheer you up with a good joke. Why are Polacks such poor duck hunters? Because they can't throw the dogs high enough!

Q: I've been vomiting and my throat is sore. Is this contagious?
V. B., Lakeland, Fla.

A: I don't know anyone who has it. But, then, I don't know that many people.

Q: The other day, in the middle of my housework, I fainted for no apparent reason.
S. K., Litchfield, Ill.

A: You've got something.
Q: Everywhere I go, there's this ringing in my ears.
H. J., Tularosa, N. Mex.

A: Uh-oh.

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## MRS. REAGAN'S DIARY

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six? Everyone I've seen on the news is at least an eighteen.
What on earth has the colored people in such a tizzy? They act like Ronnie is some kind of woodburning KKK grand marshal! I've even heard it said that he is downright anti-procivil rights, and that's a boldface fib! Ronnie has said time and again that if a person is civil, then by golly they deserve some rights! Now, if the colored are really and truly cheating on welfare or eating more food stamps than they should or are trading them for radios or drugs or pornography, then they should be in a tizzy, but in my heart of hearts I believe that $a$ ) the vast majority of colored men and women are pretty darn good people and $b$ ) they don't want to be the way they are any more than anyone wants them to be. "Nuff" said on that.

Down with the trees, up with the rigs! Ronnie said that a couple of nights ago. It's great to see that he hasn't lost his sense of humor. He's still a card. Being an environment type myself and a great lover of our boundless natural wonders, I told him, "Take down the trees, but don't hurt the animals. They are people too!" Ronnie said neither he nor the oil people had any intention of hurting animals or wildlife. And I believe him. We have an "I Brake for Animals" bumper sticker on our haywagon back at the ranch.
I make this pledge right here and now. I will not be a police nag. I was not elected to the presidency, I was elected to First Ladyship. My business is not to tell anyone how to run their world. So, I will not attend any cabinet meetings unless they have trouble with the seating arrangements or someone needs a pair of slippers or a comforter.
Everyone knows that when I get mad, I like to sit in the tub and fume and fuss. Well, on that long, grueling campaign trail I found it a little inconvenient to sit in a tub every time I got a bee in my bonnet. So I found that a long sitting in the powder room, drumming my fingers on my knees, does the trick. But don't you say a word!
Ronnic promised he would retire if he got senile. It was terrible that Mr. Carter made him say that, but I'll tell Jim and I'll tell everyone that Ronnic is too smart to get senile. And even if he did, he wouldn't let it show.

Well, Pat Nixon called yesterday. She said she was calling to find out what happened to Ruth on "All My Children" (which I do not watch anymore). But then she starts in on Dick. "Oh, he's so bored, he doesn't know what to do with himself. He just mopes around the co-op. He's tired of writing books and he doesn't have anyone to play the electronic-battleship game David and Julie gave him for Xmas with." And blabbidy blabbidy blah! I said to her, "Pat, I'm the First Lady now, I have a jillion and two things to do; get to the point, dearie!" So she says, "Well, could Ronnie possibly find something for Dick to do in government?" I felt so sorry for her, what with the stroke and that bubble hairdo, that I said I'd put a bug in Ronnie's ear. At dinner tonight I asked him if he could give Dick a job of some sort. I told him that Dick wasn't interested in a big salary or a slew of benefits, just something to occupy his time. Ronnie said, "Gosh, Mommy, I'd like to help a friend in need, and Dick is a friend in need, but ...but...well, he still wears that dirty Watergate laundry around his neck." I asked if there was some way he could send Al Haig or someone from the Defense Department up to Washington to play electronic battleships with Dick. Ronnie said, and it hurt him to say it, "I think the best thing for Dick right now, Mommy, is if he stayed at home and played with himself." Even though that sounds like pretty harsh medicine, I think it's good for Dick. I think it's good for all of us once in a while. As I was taught as a very young girl, if you can't play with yourself, how can you expect to play with others? And on that note I sign another entry in the diary of a White House wife.


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# The Vision of the Reformistas 

## A Surprising New Force in Strife-Torn El Salvador

Forty-five miles west of San Vicente a rocky footpath splinters from the main road and swerves north into lightless jungle. The path is unmarked save for a squat, brutish man barely visible within the brush. His name is Sixto, and he'll take you to the Reformistas if you have business with them, and he'll eviscerate you on the spot with a machete if you don't. The camp, known as Rancho San Bernardo. Estates, is a principal base of operations for the founder and leader of the group, Gilberto Ortiz Léon. "We want land reform," Léon barks through puffy, oilsoaked lips and a ragged mustache latticed with glistening filaments of raw white meat. His teeth are bunched at the front of his mouth, jutting at sharp angles to one another as if they were arranged more for the purpose of deadening sound than cutting through the flesh of partially conscious birds. "Come with me," he growls slowly, with a crude sweep of his stubby, cracked, and contused hand. "I will show you something."

Léon and a humus-caked, insect-poisoned coteric of licutenants scuff across a can-strewn clearing to a low hut of sticks and scraps of
tin and cloth. They are drenched with sweat; rank, steamy islands of wet khaki peer between the myriad crisscrossings of grenade belts, rifle straps, and bandoleras. "We are the Reformistas!" Léon bellows menacingly. "And we will fight until the land is reformed" He shatters the neck of a mescal bottle against the wall and drains the better
part of its fluid into his vast dark mouth. The men laugh lustily; Léon draws back a tarpaulin curtain, revealing a spectacular collection of plat diagrams, elevations, site plans, blueprints, and threc-dimensional modelshis complete vision for the land reform of El Salvador. "The shopping areas will be here," he announces, jabbing his finger into a large
map of the country. He traces a kidney-shaped line near the western coast. "This will be 'Casa del Nuevo,' a discrete residential development-two-, three-, and four-bedroom models; pool and multi-use recreation areas; private, man-made lake; horse privileges; and so forth."
"Show him the 'Del Mar'!" one of the men cries out excitedly. The others hoot and jabber their concurrence, then-quickly fall silent as a young, tar-haired woman is dragged into the room, thrashing and inveighing fiercely against her


Reformista Léon and his "Del Mar."

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captors. "She's a spy!" one of them yells. Léon, instantancously flushed with rage, sprays a mouthful of viscous liquor on her face and bludgeons her across the cheekbone with the barrel of his .45 , then orders her to be fastened to a pole and shot. "Yes, the 'Del Mar,'" he says, having suddenly reverted to a mood of immense pride and satisfaction. "This will be the most popular model in all of the nation." An uncommonly swarthy and frightening guerrilla appears with the floor plan and clevations on a poster-sized foam backing. "As you can see, there is a large, ninety-foot frontage, with a center-axis breezeway through the atrium to the rear deck area and a completely fenced lawn. The second story is cantilevered to shade the patio, which has a servethrough into the kitchen as well as full open access to the master bedroom. It's definitely an indoor-outdoor type of house."

The temper of the men is
once again quick-flashed to terror and violence as mortar shells slam into the camp. White tendrils of smoke and flame bolt across the clearing; burning huts and vehicles quickly disgorge hundreds of shouting, half-clothed Reformistas as the explosive concussions grow louder and stronger. "The Federal pigs!" Léon screams, moving frantically to pack up the plans and models and submerge himself into the jungle, as he has done many times before. "You will never stop the 'Del Mar'!" he roars defiantly at the unseen attackers, backpedaling into the bush, firing wildly with his .45. Those are his last words before a whining swarm of shrapnel jackhammers him to the ground. All appears lost, until an exhausted, battered comrade risks his life to rescue the specs and drawings from Léon's bloody hand. "The war will end," he proclaims with weary, hate-filled eyes. "But never the land reforms of Gilberto Ortiz Léon."

## OTHER PLANETS

## Chicken Again!

## Vertical Fowl Roasters on Feta-Six

A prototype of the Vertical Fowl Roaster has been constructed on Feta-Six in. the Crab Nebula, Zone Three. Inhabitants report a revival of interest in leisure pastimes resulting from the "smell emanations" emitted by the roasting chicken, the first chicken to be roasted on Feta-Six since the Pi Meson Wars of Triton destroyed three-quarters of the Fetan people. Vertical Fowl Roasters have been used on Earth since 1953, when the French chef Pierre Outre made one from a coat hanger while cooking in the Bois de Boulogne.


Artist's conception of the Vertical Fowl Roaster stimulating leisure activity on Feta-Six.

## DOMESTICANA

## Killing 'Em on the Coast

## L.A.'s New Breed of Murderer, Neither Mexican Nor Maniac

We've seen them all be-fore-the paunchy, stoneeyed detectives; the callow, workaday medical men; the photographers; the cops; the orderlies; the horrified relatives; and the murdered corpse. It's a crowd that collects and disperses continually in Los Angeles, more than ever before, and for increasingly bizarre and senseless reasons. "Homicide used to be a fairly orthodox crime," LAPD lieutenant Warren Hardaway says thoughtfully, "in the sense that it was most often committed by individuals without money or breedingcoarse, irresponsible types, aboriginal savages totally beyond the influence of civilization." Hardaway surveys an impeccably furnished living room. There are no cracked sinks here, no scabrous ill-fed children, no bare mold-stained floors. There is, crumpled in a rigid heap beside the couch, thirty-one-year-old Ted Parks, a $\$ 42,000$-a-year patent attorney, dead. A camera strobe flashes; the room demurs to the clicks, scrapes, and murmurs of methodical men ferreting clues to confirm what Hardaway already suspects.

The story really begins several months earlier, with a turn in the lives of Steve and Melanie Cole. White and affluent, like Parks, they and tens of thousands of their class began to look for something new-daring, chic entertainments to replace the sex that had grown ordinary and the heroin and cocaine that had almost done the same. Melanie Cole tells what they
found: "I first heard about murder from a friend, a marketing specialist I work with. He would say, 'Come on, Melanic, try it.' I'd been arguing with my husband and feeling kind of down, so one day I said okay and met some of the people from the office in an alleyway near Westwood. We all chipped in thirty dollars to buy an unregistered gun, and then we went over to my friend's house and shot his maid. At first I felt sick, but after a couple of weeks I joined them again, and it felt pretty good. It was exciting, an escape, you know. So I told my husband about it, and, well, he was pretty skeptical at first. But eventually he saw how much I enjoyed it, so we scored some guns on our own and did it together. We bought a supply of really high-grade guns for three or four hundred dollars, and then one weekend we invited several of Steve's old medicalschool friends over and murdered them in the garage. Pretty soon we were up to five or six killings a week. We started doing them on our lunch hours, anywhere we could-in old warehouses, abandoned buildings, taxi cabs, even right on the sidewalk. It got so we needed hundreds of dollars a day for our guns, and when we ran out of money and couldn't borrow any more, we started stealing guns from our friends who were into murder too. That's why we killed Ted Parks. He was having this big murder party, see. All kinds of big executives and prominent politicians were

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there, and they'd gotten some mob connection to supply dozens of pizza-delivery kids and caterers and parking valets to kill. It was a real scene. Parks had huge salad bowls full of guns in every room-like they were candy. So, after the party broke up, well, that's when
by a young patrolman-a stiff, mechanical L.A. cop, almost as stiff as the cadaver on the floor. "You're wanted on the radio," he says. The inspector threads his way between his fellows and their long metal boxes of the chemicals and instruments of their trade


Surf, sand, and homicide. All part of the fun in L.A.
Steve and I decided to make our move. We had to have the guns, you know; we were hurting real bad. But Parks was hooked real bad too. When he saw us, he went crazy; he went for one of the guns, and so, well, we murdered him."

Hardaway is interrupted
and, eventually reaching his car, is informed that a carload of Mexicans has shot a man two blocks away and burglarized his house. Hardaway is noticeably, if not somewhat macabrely, gratified. For a quarklike moment, something makes sense.

## BELIEF

## Crossroads of Easter

## Of Eggs Ecumenical in a Basket Full of Danger

Once again it is the feast of Easter, a season, throughout Christendom, of renewal, hope, and colored eggs.

We lift our eyes, and glimpse wings gilded by the rising sun, a French-built Israeli Mirage fighter-
bomber swinging low over Jordan. It calls to mind the guardian Seraphim of Holy Writ, and the need for strategically defensible borders.

The cruciform shadow of the jet swoops and flickers on the roofs, domes, and steeples below, where lies

Jerusalem, blue and gold, snuggled among the hills for all the world like a hidden egg. Jerusalem, the Mother City, who in her time has given birth to no fewer than three of the world's great religions: Avarice, Nationalism, and Para-noid-Schizophrenia.

In this sacred city, on this Sunday morn, pilgrims from many lands awaken to a triumphant, brassthroated hallelujah chorus of bells, and the rattle of police small-arms fire, and they make their way, like Magdalen, to the Tomb, and, like her, find it empty.

The crude rock grotto that once served as a pauper's grave for the disgraced and executed Carpenter's Son is their destination surrounded and adorned as it is now by the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, that vast and ornate structure to rival a pyramid in size and a palace in splendor.

By tradition and agreement, the many and various sects and creeds of the area take turns here, each Easter, conducting services, collecting admission fees, hawking relics, and, if need be, holding the sacred site for ransom.

On this year's anniversary of the Resurrection, the location of Christianity's Central Miracle is in the custody of the Cryptic Shambalites, a militantly orthodox order of Christian Muslims, the cornerstone of whose faith it is that Christ was the parent of Muhammad.

The Paschal Mass is offered by Bishop Clyde, bearded patriarch of the Shambalites, a negroid Karl Marx look-alike. Clyde dispenses Holy Communion with style. He tosses the wafers, with uncanny accuracy, from the altar some twenty yards onto the waiting tongues of the congrega-
tion. This, according to Clyde, is in commemoration of the Manna from Heaven passage in the book of Exodus, the prelate's personal favorite.

The communicants eat it up.

For most of them, this is their first meal in the Holy Land since Thursday evening, when they "pigged out" at the traditional Passover Seder and Last Supper Memorial Ecumenical Smorgasbord and Unlimited Salad Bar at the Jerusalemi Hilton.
"Good" Friday was devoted to the penitential procession along the Via Dolorosa (life of Dolores). This parade, with floats and marching bands, meanders along the curiously serpentine route-veering, as it does, to pass every gift shop in town-by which, in Biblical times, convicted thieves and messiahs were obliged to bear their crosses from the courtroom to the place of execution.

There the pilgrims sat or knelt all afternoon on the slopes of Mount Calvary and attended a moving sermon by a visiting American evangelical preacher on the moral necessity for capital punishment; but the promised picnic lunch of loaves and fishes failed to arrive, due to a wildcat strike by the country's left-wing fishermen's and bakers' unions, so all returned to their lodgings Friday night edified but peckish.

Saturday's highlight was a nonscheduled rocket barrage staged by the PLO, which, while both exciting and educational, confined most visitors to their hotel rooms, where, it being the Jewish Sabbath, room service was not available.

No mystery, then-in this place of mystery-that the hungry members of this Easter Sunday congregation


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receive with great zeal these flying matzoh saucers, snapping them out of the in-cense-laden atmosphere like zoo seals snagging kippers.
"Take, eat," intones Bishop Clyde, in his rhythmic, Ethiopian Yiddish dialect, "for this is the body of the BlessedChrist, the Mother of the Prophet."
"Amen" respond the rav-
enous believers-and then, from their midst, a child walks, a wide-eyed, towheaded boy-child. A holy hush descends as he approaches the Celebrant and echoes the words spoken so long ago by another young man, whose life has been written, told, and retold in story and song down through the ages. "Please, sir, can I have some more?"

## BUSINESS AND DOLLARS

## Losses and Gains Prevail

Investment Yields Are to Be Had, If Fortunate

The economy generally has been extremely firm, with market weakness being largely absorbed in losses taken by "the little guy." Other investors who lost big on last month's market were the so-called in-
stitutional investors-that is, investors confined to mental institutions who purchased stock haphazardly, often from laundry or fast-food joints.
Produce markets have been up generally over the
past month, with extremely rude Korean greengrocers reporting record profits as consumer demand for stupid, exotically named wee-vil-ridden leafs and shrubs has soared. Hairy white roots shaped like penises have been market leaders, as have smelly gourds with waxy purple skins. Nasty, curt Hungarian greengrocers anticipate record profits this month and project continued high demand. "I sold my compost heap," said one with a sneer.

Many analysts are predicting an end to rocketing consumer prices, which they say will be forced down gradually at gunpoint. This Keynesian analysis is disputed by monetarist cconomists who hold that consumer prices will not come down unless large weights are placed on

JOBS IN THE U.S.-MUTANT INSECT OF DISPARITY

top of them. Neither group can reach a consensus on the cause of the recent sharp upturn-the Keynesian blaming it on "srpart alecks and fart breaths," the monetarist stating, more reticently, that "it may have to do with religious Ne groes." Time will tell.

Wide swings in the commodities market over the past month can be attributed to cyclical fluctuations in the value of "objects," "items," "doohickeys," and "things," all of which are jointly traded under the heading of commodities. This fluctuation is blamed on variations in the demand by consumers for "articles." Until consumers learn to buy steadily at ever increasing prices, these fluctuations are likely to continue, say knowledgeable traders.

In Las Vegas, high-flying gambling stocks fell precipitously for the second month in a row when, once again, earnings fell short of projections. Investor confidence was only partially restored by a general upturn in profits from prostitution, "skimming off the top," and blackmail operations and by encouraging reports from liquor-service divisions, who indicate that the policy of adulterating drinks has at last begun to pay off. Cloakroom thefts continue to provide steady dependable revenue, as do drug sales. Nevertheless, lackluster performance in the growth area has cut heavily into these stocks' value, and although arson is the traditional solution to these sorts of problems, it is now a double-edged sword, with personal-damages awards being so large that it may be wiser to ride out the storm and avoid such drastic action. Waiting at least until the final settlement of suits against the MGM

Hotel casino in Las Vegas would seem the most prudent course.

MINORITY
PROFITABILITY CHART (1981)


Chart shows pretty much what's goin' down financially for minorities in the economy.

This tip from the prestigious Kiplinger Report. Get that pencil and paper ready:

You may talk of two for one
When the bears are on the run
And the bulls stampede the brokers to the phones,
But when the market drops
And the margin buving drops
And Mr. Dow won't talk to Mr. Jones,
Then it's sell sell sell...
We won't bottom out 'til hell,
Nor mutual nor pension funds invest in...
When the traders go to war,
Then they call out from the floor,
"You're a better stock than INCO , GlfWstn!" .
News on the March edited by Tod Carroll; contributions from T.C., B.Mc C., T.M., Ellis Weiner, and Sean Kelly.

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We cover a side of sportsnobody els is covering. The inside.

$f$ we were to pierce the impalpable apertures, twist through tendrilous, vermiform chasms, and scrupulously root out the innermost chancels of the human brain with a small vacuum cleaner, perhaps of the modern twelve-volt portable type that may be powered by the cigarette lighter of a car, we might collect in our vacuum bag a trillion cellular recordings of all the mind has seen; and if we carefully incised the bag with a fine, stainlesssteel knife and voided this neural bounty into a trillion plastic containers sealed tight to lock in the freshness, and preserved them in an immense, double-door refrigerator, and if we could then, one by one, extract the individual experiences bound up in each of these minute, organic chestnuts of the mind, it is entirely possible that at least one of them would squirt out a profound yet unnoticed clue to the understanding of our universe. Imagine the prickly sting of exhilaration riddling our chests and throats as the illimitable, dazzling clockwork of the Cosmos piously issues from its plastic tub into a vastness of flashing, whirling, purring sensors, computers, and video screens before us. There, chromatized directly from a single forgotten memory, is reproduced the image of a man with an Eveready flashlight battery on his shoulder, secured fast against his shirt by the permeant twine of gravity as the inertial force of a solid, moving fist prepares to intervene. What a marvelous demonstration of the play of energies in our universe-matter against matter, pressure against resistance; star against star.


Let us visualize this same battery fixed atop the tawny, sweat-dappled torso of Democritus of Abdera, who is submersed in brisk colloquy with his Ionian fellows sixteen centuries before the first long-lasting alkaline cell was available in the stores. How raptured and amazed the ancients would have been! "Observe the shadow this battery casts against my shoulder," Democritus might have begun. "Now, when I stand at a point south of here at this same time of day, I notice that the silhouette of my battery is shorter, and this tells us that our planet is a sphere."
"Good heavens!" the merchants and the seamen and the politicians exclaim. "This means we can trade batteries with the East by sailing west!" Of course, such a development would have accelerated the progress of our species by nearly a thousand years, to the conceivable extent that an inter-
stellar journey through refulgent, frothy nebulosities whorling like colossal bottle rockets through space might seem as commonplace today as loading a fresh, dependable battery into a flashlight. An apt comparison, for an expedition to this cosmic hinterspace seems infeasible at speeds less than the speed of light. And therein lies our dilemma. Imagime a flashlight pointed toward our destination, hurtling numberless billions of photonic particles in a beam alongside our craft, exhorting us to "Hurry along! Hurry along!" while our laws of relativity stiffly adjure that we cannot obtain the speed of light without staunching time and compressing ourselves into an infinitely dense and intangible mass. It's as if our flashlight were the starting line for a race of network superstars; the brightest names in tele-vision-Loni Anderson, John Ritter, Jamie Farr, Penny Marshall-they're all on hand, radiating like a multitude of eager, charged-up photons set for the million-trillion-mile dash. Click. The flashlight is on, and the celebrities are off. They careen past us, churning, jostling, battling, breathing the hard, difficult breaths of stars in competition. But as the superstars streak into the far distance, we notice that they grow smaller in our field of vision and their velocity appears to wane. After a time, our network personalities become mere specks, fading and static, lost in the void. And such is the phenomenon of the speed of lightcold robot of the Cosmos indiscriminately shrinking celebrities to nothingness without regard for their careers or their disappointed fans. continued



We desperately accelerate to rescue the stars, but must fall back, lest we too are destroyed. "Emergency," the amber lamp blazes curtly on our variegated, polygonal console designed exclusively for us by men from Los Angeles who are masters of control panels with flickering buttons and dials on them, in the sleek fashion of the future, which we are, of course, supposing to be the present as a result of Democritus's experiment with the gleaming, silver-nubbed Eveready battery one thousand years before its actual invention. We instantly determine from a complex gauge that our vessel is being pulled off course. The force is overwhelming; even the ray from the flashlight is bending. Whuиump. The ship has literally been seized. We are jouncing and tumbling furiously. Of all the luck-a black hole. Every atom in its grasp will be sucked into an eternally dark, collapsing funnel of blankness and ultimately wrenched through a narrow passage we call a "wormhole" to the other side of time and space. But what if the channel is too small for us? Will our vessel become lodged forever at the base of this awesome vortex and eventually clog the black hole with great mountains of asteroids and cometary strays that pile up behind us like vegetables in a sink? Happily not, for the same reason that plump, hothouse tomatoes have been shown by a nationally known manufacturer of catsup to enter the slim mouth of a catsup bottle and survive intact. Although this phenomenon was last broadcast on network television several years ago (the brand is now advertised in a different manner), the illustration continues to serve us well.

Indescribable fear and wonderment still us against clear ports set like gems across the brow of our ship as unknowns from new dimensions rear from their lightless pool. What Cosmos is this? A reverse, perhaps, of our own? Possibly we apprehend a white sphere, dense and imposing, dwarfing the Mercury Lynx parked to the left of it, rather than the right, where we have seen it before. Oh, what ecstasy this car and its advanced technologies would have brought the great scientist Democritus and his friends! Imagine them breathlessly drawing compact Grecian hands across its upholstery, starting up the engine, driving with giddy stupefaction across the plains of Samos, through the markets, the temples, and
the theaters, waving to everyone, pleasuring their voracious scientific minds with fervid testings of all the controls, probing the frontiers of gravity and natural forces yet unknown to them with daring experimental speeds and turns and powerful centrifugal spins that propel them over the seats and against the doors like weightless dolls. Suddenly, a lynx cub bounds onto the sphere and we wonder if he will slide off and hurt himself in this secret, oilblack pale of the beyond, where physical laws may not decree the gravitational adhesion a young animal needs to stay on top of a sphere. And we wonder, if a popular make of television set were to spontancously burst from the ether and if the characters in its logotype were to rocket into the foreground with spectroscopic smears of light trailing behind them like a brilliant solar wind, would the letters read backward, or would the picture appear simulated, or real and upside down, or not at all?
 erhaps a greater question concerns the span of this place: does it mirror the incomprehensibly large type of universe to which we are accustomed, or is it an exquisitely small, atom-sized world that seems large to us only because we have become smaller-the way Loni Anderson became small when she ran away from us. What of the latter, this notion of an infinitesimal Cosmos, a Cosmos possibly hidden within our own? And if the notion is true, then where are we? Maundering among the eerie nuclear jungles of this question mark? Marooned within the glinting, oysterwhite enamel of Loni Anderson's famous smile? Such delight these privities and postulations might have brought to inquisitive men of the past, immersed and fitfully moiling within the knotty lattices of the great scientific mysteries of their time, when Loni Anderson suddenly materializes before them with word of a fourth dimension in her mouth. Imagine Johannes Kepler, peerless astronomer and mathematician of the Renaissance, fiery and obsessed as he struggles to reconcile his calculations on the five perfect solids, when one of the highest-rated performers on twen-tieth-century television interrupts him with the news. "Good heavens, Loni," the fascinated scientist might have replied, "do you realize what this
means to the future of the world?"
"I think so," she might have answered, lowering herself fluidly onto a bowed, hardwood bench across the table. The unctuous, lemony flame in Kepler's lantern would have jigged frail shadows across the hillocks, clefts, and hollows of her keenly chiseled face. "You'll need entirely new forms of mathematics, engincering, and maybe even philosophy," she continues. "Oh, yes!" Kepler might have agreed, gazing distractedly at the lamp, then shifting toward Loni's summoning smile. "Forgive me. Can I get you a drink?" Her mouth would have slowly dropped behind the milky crown of her shoulder as she blew away a fallen hair and lowered her eyelids as if to take her decision in serene seclusion. When she finally reopened them, halfway, but in a manner that seemed to turn up the corners of her eyes like moist, ocular smiles, it probably was obvious to the great scientist that her answer was yes.

After a time, however, Kepler would have begun to look for symmetry in Loni's new Cosmos, being, like all of us, a creature of balance, componentially bound up in a universe where there is a fist for every battery and a sphere for every Lynx. Perhaps, then, this foreign dimension is not randomly ensconced in a question mark or a tooth but in someplace more profound. Someplace at the very pith of life, where life begins, the light at the end of the wormhole where we were reduced to the formless nakedness of singularity-the seed of all that lives. Of course, we know it better as deoxyribonucleic acid.

Negro football players stoop over a nationally advertised computer game to ask with astonishment and not a little suspicion, "Who's in there?" and we logically posit their similar reaction to a molecule of DNA. "You're right, men," we tell them, "there is someone in there."
"Of course!" one concurs sharply, arcing his finger downward, like a kingfisher diving into the water. "How else could it know where to put all the nucleotides?" Let's return to our conjectural voyage, deep within the spongy, multifarious caldera of a Cosmos we call DNA, and test our hypothesis by actually building a Negro football player, snatching a billion nucleotides to encrypt the ideal size, speed, and quickness, the competence to cut across the flow, concentrate, keep
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Life Stories


0 Well, who comes in the other day but God's Gift to Women. I'm talking about God's Gift. This one had blond hair, blue eyes. Standard equipment! Left a trail of swooning waitresses in his path. Then what do you know but he sits in $m y$ station. I must tell you that l've got this theory. I am a 'blondist.' That means that I think that blonds are inferior to those of us with dark hair. Anyone with eyes can tell they're insincere. They may have more fun, but it's only because they like to go around fooling people, never meaning what they say. Now, just think about it, who do you think's more sincere, Andy Gibb or Sylvester Stallone? I had two blond boyfriends, so I know: Anyway; God's Gift orders a patty melt, all the time giving me this look, like, 'I know you're going to faint over precious me in my ittybitty jogging shorts, so you might as well get it over with.' Well, first off, I know God didn't give him those thighs. Jack LaLanne did. I didn't faint, but I did forget to ask him how he wanted his patty melt done. I came back and looked him straight in the eye and I said, 'You know, you got me so excited, I forgot to ask you how you wanted your burger cooked.' I'm surprised little frogs didn't jump out of my mouth. For a minute there he couldn't decide was I foolin' or what? Then he gets this real satisfied look on his face, smiles, and says, 'Why, medium rare.' I said 'Thank you.' Well, after he's done with his patty melt I come up and say, 'You sated your savage appetite yet?' He says, 'Oh...uh, yeah', s-m-i-l-es, one of those professional smiles. I smiled right back. My crocodile smile. He left me a big tip, but he didn't have me fooled for one minute.)
 roommate lately. Men have been calling her day and night asking for dates. I can't believe how popular she is. I mean, it can't be healthy, being that social. Parties every weekend, dinner out every night. Out with the girls too, shopping, doing this, doing that. Personally - and I might suggest this to my roommate, too - I have been considering the advantages of the Roman Catholic faith lately, particularly the Carmelite order of nuns. Those are the ones who stay inside all the time. I mean, I was raised a Methodist, but if nobody's going to ask me out anyway, I might as well devote myself to a lifetime of cloistered solitude. God knows, l've practically been a novice for months. I wonder if it'd count retroactively if I joined now. I've got at least two semesters of 'Beginning Nun' under my belt, so to speak. Don't you think I'd look cute in black and white? Only my immediate family could come to visit me. We'd be so cozy. Them on one side of a foot-thick panel and me on the other, sounding so holy. Oh! What was that! I think I just saw a vision just now! I saw...the Virgin Mary going out on a date and me staying home! ))
 always late? Yesterday 1 went to pick her up for the sale at Hudson's and I told her, now be ready. I wanted to be there when the doors opened at ten. When I arrived, do you know what she was doing? Plucking her eyebrows! She says, 'Hold on just a minute or I'll be lopsided.' I told her it was her oun fault for starting such an ambitious project so late and she'd just have to go out uneven because I was leaving. I wanted to get there while there was still a pair of size- 16 proportioned slacks left. I swear, every woman in this town wears a size 16 except Darla, who wears. an 18. I'm sorry, that's catty. Well, she starts whining, says, 'It's not my fault God gave me only one eyebrow all the way across.' I said, 'Look, Darla ...blind people get around with canes. Cripples have wheelchairs. I fail to see how one eyebrow is going to keep you from going to the month-end sale at Hudson's. I mean, you can still shop with one eyebrow.' Of all the times to start trimming that hedge of hers. Oh, I don't mean to be cruel. I mean, you can't blame the girl for wanting to look like a human being. But those 50 percent-off sportswear separates were not going to last through Darla plucking her eyebrow: You know what? I am not a gossip, and I do not harbor ugly rumors, but one of the operators at the Cut ' $N$ ' Curl told me that Darla's mother bought her a gift certificate to their electrolysis clinic and Darla hasn't even used it once. Sometimes I think she just keeps that eyebrow for sympathy. It's no good feeling sorry for her, because she just wallows. No, now don't even breathe the word Nair, because she tried it once and it took off everything, including her widow's peak and her eyelashes. She looked like something off of 'Star Trek,' only fat. I said, now look, Darla, just thank your lucky stars you don't have a mustache, like your (cosisin Shites. 9)


A SMALL MOTEL NEAR PITTSBURGH, 1990.


MISS PIGGY: Ever since we were dropped from the show it's been nothing but one lousy job after another.
KERMIT: Yeah, well, you better lay off the bottle.
We got a bar mitzvah to do tomorrow.
(To himself) God, do I feel sick.

MISS PIGGY: I never liked Cleveland. Remember that lounge we played in Cleveland? We had to open for the Sophisticates. Weren't they disgusting?
kermit: We're not in Cleveland. We're in Pittsburgh. You're getting senile.
(The phone rings.)
mISS PIGGY: It's Jim! And Frank

- Oz! Kerm. they want us back! Kerm...they don't want you. They...they just want me. I'll tell them no.

KERMIT: Are you nuts? This is your chance for a big comeback. Maybe you can save the show. I heard it was dying.
 worry about me.
miss piggy: You're sure? Oh,
Kerm, this is my big chance, my comeback! I'm still a star, aren'tl?

KERMIT: (To himself) I guess I'll keep playing the lounges, the toilets. I'll get by without her. Jesus,


## THE NEXT DAY.



FOZZIE: Gee, it's great to have you back, Miss Piggy, but the show is dying.
zoot: It's a cancer.
scooter: We got all these new shows ripping us sieurs... Miss Piggy is back!

FLOYD: Man, it's the writing. Our material sucks. rowlf: And Gonzo's dead.
mISS PIGGY: Don't worry, mesdames and mes- off-the Shmuppets, the Moppets, the Pippets..


MEANWHILE...KERMIT IS TRYING TO MAKE IT AS A SINGLE.

KERMIT: ...it's a pleasure to be here at the Tinkle Club. And now, my impression of Gregory Peck imitating Humphrey Bogart.

A DRUNK: You stink! Why don't you frogs go back to France, where you belong!


A BAR MITZVAH IN STEUBENVILLE, OHIO.
kermit: I was bar mitzvahed, too, y'know. My real name is Kermit Frogstein.
man in audience: Of, does he stink!

THE NEXT DAY, KERMIT IS SO SICK, HE HAS TO SEE A DOCTOR.

DOCTOR: How long have you felt like this, Mr. Frog?
KERMIT: Years. Is it bad?
DOCTOR: I'm not sure. We're going to take some tests.


THAT NIGHT, AT THE MUPPET STUDIOS. ONE MINUTE BEFORE SHOW TIME.
miss pigGy: Kermit is dying. He's in a hospital near Scranton, Pennsylvania. He wants me.
fozzie: What's wrong?
miss pigGy: TC.
Fozzie: Oh, no!
miss piggy: Terminal Cuteness.
ozzie: Why Kerm? Why couldn't it have been one of those stupid rabbits? A nobody.
scooter: Or Rowlf. He's much cuter than Kermit.
misS PIGGY: But the show must go on. No single Muppet is more important than the team...even if he is dying.


FOZZIE: She's even worse than I thought. SCOOTER: We'll get killed in the ratings.


## THE NEXT DAY.



TOTALLY CRUSHED BY HER COMEBACK FAILURE AND THE CANCELING OF THE SHOW, MISS PIGGY FLIES TO THE SISTERS OF FROGS HOSPITAL IN SCRANTON, TO BE WITH KERMIT. doctor: It's too late. He's dead.


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## There Are People Living in Ecuador

by Victoria Puffball, Field Representative

"Hola, Ecuadorian inhabitant?" On the left is a map of Ecuador (not the Equator, as wehad thought before visiting the country!), and on the right is a person who lives in Ecuador (not on the Equator).

Ecuador. For most of us the name conjures up rolling plains of wheat and corn, highways that lead to Chicago, perhaps a river known as the Mississippi. But you would be wrong to think this. Actually, it is a nation of contrasts.

Night and day, cold and dark, dark and dry, Ecuador has all of these things, and more. For one thing, we found out that there are people living there, not just inhabitants. These are people beset by many problems.

First of all, there is the language problem. This they solve with traditional native intelligence, by all agreeing to use words, like a commune. Then there is food. Or rather, there isn't! What would you think of a place where there are no checkout lines, no aisles packed with people struggling to get sales items? You would think it was paradise. But you would be wrong. Instead, it is just Ecuador all along.

My native friends taught me many things, not just their problems, by which they are beset by many. For instance, the sky is their "television set," with certain "stars" above, and the clouds are their "commercials." That's one TV set that can't break down! They even made me watch it during a rainstorm, so I would believe them.

Also, when they put on a sweater inside out, they do this because "the room is cold," so the room is wearing the sweater, or so they say, not them, even though you might think they are from looking at them. No wonder they have no heating bills! In many ways they are wiser than us.

One of their poets once said, "Hola, puta, quierote," which my native friends tell me means "The rivers are our plumbing, the United Nations is as a god to us." I was touched by this sentiment and so gave them my car. They said they would use it as the town tractor, and the young people of the town drove it away for that purpose. Then tragedy struck. They accidentally left it in Quito, and so another U.N. automobile is lost to the cause of brotherly love.

Then there is religion by which they are beset. Their priest toldme over a bottle of agua caliente ("burning water") that he believes in the United Nations and also that man is descended from sea monkeys. He also said he thinks that America was invented by Columbus and that President Ken-
nedy's ghost sleeps with his sister. He said that he has sold plans for the U.N. irrigation system to the Russians. As far as I know, he is wrong about most of these things.

So, I formed a U.N. Mothers-in-law Club designed to head off the problem. When I got back to New York, I felt as if I had lost a great deal of weight. That's how relieved I was!

"Halt! Whogoes there?" Members of the tervorist Palestine Liberation Organization stipped through U.S. security last week in a car disguised as Fidel Castro. "I thought it looked kind of suspicious, but I couldn't besure," said U.S. guard Ralph Toro. "How was I supposed to know it was carying three tons of nitro and a PLO death squad? Nobody tells me these things."

## New Program for a New Decade: An Editorial. . .

by Fanya Friendly

1975-1985 has been the Decade of Women. We have all participated in the continuing emancipation of women all over the world biosphere with such powerful and prevalent programs as the Year of Women on Bicycles, the Year of the Sanforized and Perma-Press Fashion Explosion, and the Year of Women's Fur Purchasing Needs. Many of us recall with fondness the picnic protest held in honor of the Year of Adhesive Substances.

Yet there are those who would see an end put to our movement. We have seen the tanks roll in the streets of Moscow on the first of May in a (useless) attempt to put us in our place. We have planted flowers in Vietnam, thereby saving lives. We have single-handedly kept the Portuguese escudo from going under in the world money market. Many of our eating habits make front-page news.

Some of you have taken in laundry to keep our projects from failing. The more suds, the better, say I. Already it is 1981. Soon it will be the 1980s. These suds will remind others to prepare for the coming Decade of Progress with Regard to Water Resources and Steam-Related Sanitation Methods (1981-1983).

Already it is known to our scientists in the field that hydroelectricity is the best-quality electricity, because it is made naturally and in the old-fashioned way. Coal-generated electricity is not so good, because it is barbecued and therefore carcinogenic. With proper use of sanitation methods, most of the electricity inside of water can be rinsed out hydroelectrically. Then the spare water can be put to good use in our land-based laundry effort.

Why isn't someone doing something about this instead of just sitting there? That's my opinion.

# What to Do About Nothing: U.N. Calendar <br> APRIL 



| Sunday | 'Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday <br> 1 East Asian Fish and Folk Dance Club grees new members in the plaza fountain at dawn. | Thursday <br> Cine Club will show Mondo Cane and They Saved Santa's Brain in the U.N. Vision Habitat.A discussion of the work of the Italian director will follow. Next month: The Day the World Threw Up. | Friday <br> 8 Ballet Club will exchange prisoners with the Guitar Society. | Saterrday <br> 4 "Dag Hammarskjold The Man, the Homo", a slide lecture in the memorial library, by Androcles Kophhos. |
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| 5 Negro Nert. | Guido venuc- ci will be exposed as a NatO spy for Eas Ger- many. | Guido Venuc- <br> ci will be found floating in the plaza fountain by the Fountaineers White Water Society, or the East Asian Fish and Folk Dance Club, it depends. | U.N. Revivalist Meeting. Topics: Will the Mosque of Omar be destroyed before or after the Rapture? Will Russia invade Israel before the Tribulation of Arram begins? Will children under the age of thirteen be allowed to take part in the Rapture without parental guidance? | (1) Russian Book Club. Mernbers will share the book. | 11 <br> Diplonatic Couriers Hol-lowed-Out-Book Club. Bring the gold. We have the documents. | 11 <br> Metric Appreciation Outing. 1 roundtable discussion of Metrecal, the once-popular breakfast substitute. Members will measure their rulers. |
| 12 Today's General Assembly meeting on world health crises will feature ambassadors dressed in the styie of the Old West. Those for world health will dress as good guys, those against, as bad guys. Those abstaining will dress as Injuns. | I 8 Today's or My World. bly singing. | 14 <br> Roger Whitaker will sing "It's a Cruel World After All," and the UNICEF children will donate a box of rainto the drought-stricken nations of Africa. | 15 <br> Esperanto Season Opens. Bag limit: 2 males, 1 female. | I 1 Meetingof the Social, Humanitarian, and Dance Committee. Manbers will vote on: "Thelnternational Dress Code Should People Be Allowed to Wear Hats, and Why Not." | $1 \Rightarrow$. Dedication of U.N. Plaza. | H Dedication of U.N. Plaza. |
| Dedication of U.N. Plaza. | 20 Celebration of Dedication of U.N. Plaza. | 0) 11 Realization that today is the day after Adolf Hitler's birthday. | 9.0 Drafting of a Letter of Universal Outrage at the fact that today is two days past Adolf Hitler's birthday. | 23 Ceremony Adolf Hitler's bithday and the founding of the U.N. by Adolf Hitier, without whorn there would be no U.N. To be held in the Arab shanty town on the wentyseventh floor. | 2) 21 Former Israeli ambassador Schlomo will explain why be can't get any peace with his son playing that loud rock music all the time and why isn't the U.N. doing something about it already? | 2) International Month Day; free Third World Funkadelics concert to be held in the General Assembly Room. |
| Symposium hosted by Merv Griffin: 'What Does Japan Think of the American Public's Daytime Television-Viewing Habits?" | Meeting of SMERSH and KAOS. Mandatory viewing of Our Man Flintstone. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { "Fin Rot in } \\ & \text { Moose": a wine-and- } \\ & \text { cheese discussion } \\ & \text { group will exdange } \\ & \text { phone numbers, line up } \\ & \text { dates for the evening, } \\ & \text { and go bowling down } \\ & \text { the center aisle of the } \\ & \text { General Assembly. } \end{aligned}$ | (2) Amateur $\begin{aligned} & \text { Negro Meet- }\end{aligned}$ ing. Bring your spats. | B. Ambassador McHenry will do his favorite scenes from "Mission mpossible," taking the role of Barney. | 8 (A day only if delegates are from New Zealand or Japan.) New Zealandese diplomats and their Japanese counterparts will rig the Security Council with listening devices and secret maps of New Zealand. |  |

## A Transcript of Ambassador Kirkpatrick's Speech to the Extraordinary Plenary Session on World Arms Control

## Ambassador Kirkpatrick:

"Good evening, ladies and germ-warfare specialists. Haw-haw-haw-haw. That brings to mind a funny story I heard the other day. Do you know the one about the traveling arms salesman? Stop me if you've overheard this one. Seems this traveling salesman was trying to sell a Presidential Command Strato-Fortress to a kangaroo, who was a rabbi. - No kidding, this actually happened. Anyhow, the arms salesman says, 'We don't get many rabbis in here.'
"So the kangaroo turns to the arms salesman and says, 'Oy, at these prices, you'll be getting a lot more!'
"No, but honestly, folks, I've got a plan to head offWorld War III. Here it is: orbiting tollbooth attendants. You heard me, I said orbiting tollbooth attendants. Incoming nuclear missiles fired from the attacking nations will be forced to go through a series of tollgates until they run out of change and have to go back to the attacking nation to cash a check. Once they touchground, they'll detonate, taking the attackers with them.
"Hey, it's so crazy, it just might work! I mean it, ladies and germ-warfare specialists, the United Nations audience is the greatest audience in the world. . . Good night, everybody!"

## Last W.W. II Clown Surrenders



In an ironic counterpoint to the recent festivities surrounding U.N. World Peace Day, a Japanese man claiming to be the last of the Kabuki theater clowns of World War II walked out of the jungles of Malaysia last week to surrender himself to a routine Malaysian patrol. The clown had been on an entertainment tour through Japanese-held territory when American troops took the Malaysian capital in 1944. At that time, he and asmall family of fire eaters, acrobats, and lion trainers vowed to never surnender to the Americans. "We live in jungle, swallow grenades thrown at us, train lions to hunt for us, frighten wily American Joes with tricks and jokes," said Won Lost. "At night I get into cannon, light fuse, boom, blow up American Joe ammo dump. Then I climb into cannon, boom, land in American Joe HQ, create disorder with cream pies." Truly this is a sad day for world entertainment. WonLost will address the General Assembly during International Paycheck Week (April 23-30), where he will walk across a high wire while twiddling a parasol.


Pakistan'sAmbassador Mohammad Zia-ul-Cough is offered a warm good-bye from his longtùne friend, India's A mbassador Mahatma Hari. Good friends, good drink, good food, good-bye!

## Portrait of Dag May Be Haunted, Says Custodian

Our halls may be haunted by former U.N. secretary Dag Hammarskjold, that is if Ngumbo Gumbi of Nigeria is to be believed. Ngumbo is the newest addition to our custodian staff. Members of the powerful Ungowa tribe, Ngumbo's people believe that the soul of the dead lives on in representations of the dead made while the soul inhabited a living body.
"De eyes, dey follow me like hungering leopard at stalking," says Ngumbo. "I not wax floor of lobby, no. Painting has Hammarskjold ghost inside of it. Watch me when I wax de floor, it do."

After a complaint to the U.N. staff union leader, Vito Fenichelli, Ngumbo was transferred to the personal staff of Gaag Vanderhoven, of the South African delegation.

## Dear Mr.

 Waldheim

Dear Mr. W.,
I am the president of a small emerging nation on the continent of Africa. My problem is that I just can't seem to satisfy everyone. My people demand freedom, yet they are poor and backward and illiterate. My detractors demand my head on a platter, but aren't willing to help chop it off. Also, my premier is an alcoholic.

Can you help me? I'm at . . .
Wit's End
Dear W. E.,
Don't despair, honey. There's no reason for you to knock yourself out trying to be "everything to everyone." Try to budget yourtime; assign smaller tasks to underlings; execute your enemies after a mock trial, not before. Try to get out of the palace once in a while. As to your premier, he'd be betier off dead than on the bottle. Poison him and send the sot packing. It's almost 1984: wake up and smell the No-Doz!

Love ya, Kurt

Interested readers should send their inquiries hurtling through Mr. Waldheim's limousine window attached to a brick as he leaves the grounds at the South Gate at 5:00 P.M.

## Between U.N. Me

by "Crassus"
"Herd" around the water cooler: "That Kurt Waldheim sure likes the ladies. He always supports the cause of women in the General Assembly." Meoooooooww! Pffffft! Catty, catty, catty. . . . "And howzabout that new delegation from Italy . . . No, not that one, the Italian one." What? . . . "Scene" at the Pate Parlour on the thirty-eighth floor: Kurt W. with a kit-kat in his lap as a blind guitarist from Spain practiced his cha-cha chops and the little lady said bye-bye to her clothes in a delish Hispanic folk tease. Guess she's sending her caftan to the Afghans for U-Know-Whosco. Did I say Whosco? Imeant Moscow. Ouch! . . . Say, did my baby blues spy another Soviet satellite in the lobby of the U.N. Looks-Like-a-Fried-Egg Building? Shirley you jest! Mmmmm$h m m m m$. Never fear, it's not kaputnik for good old Sputnik. We hear the maintenance staff just wants to polish off the Red memorial to spaced-out spies. Can't get enough of it! . . . Was that Pooky G. (for Gorgeous, you stupid!) we peeped browsing in the Souvenir Center? Dégagé, you say; outré, you say; mmmmmmm-nnnnnnh! Ookpay ovelay unkjay? Excuuuuuse my Franglais. Ouch! . . . Guess whose armies are having a tiff in bad old "Lawrence of" Land? Those naughty Arabs are at it again! Can't keep their hands offeach other . . . And who can blame the beach-blanket buggers? With bods like that, who needs gods! . . . Love those knees on the lads in Spudland . . . bought one for my very from a scrumpdiddlyumptious Prot just the other. . . . Silly Billy Brandt, are those garters you're wearing? Those W. Germs, so heavy on security!, . . Guess who's coming to the World Food Conference? Jusi everybody who's nobody, that's all. Ouch! Ta-ta, boobies. "Til Wiedersehen!

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-The Pakistani delegation wishes to know who has made off with the water buffalo that share the fourteenthfloor water trough with the Pakistani team attending the International Footballers Council meetings.
-Urgent: Human skulls and pikes are needed for the World Health Organization's annual children's puppet show. Donations will be appreciated.
-Secretary Waldheim would appreciate it if members refrained from switching seats during speeches. Switching seats and changing nameplates, no matter how much fun, is a dangerous practice that may inadvertently set off World War III. The secretary wishes to congratulate the Polish delegation for its success in curtailing the popping of milk cartons during the speeches of Ambassador Gogokovich of the Soviet Union. Popping milk cartons is an alarming and reprehensible practice that could lead to accidental assassinations and World War III.
-A note to chauffeurs: There has been a general recall of all 1979 Fleetwood limousines, as the booby traps are not functioning properly under test conditions.
-Please assist the New York City firemen in their attempt to keep the John F. Kennedy Eternal Blaze from spreading to the thirtieth floor. Last week a series of small firestorms swept through the Ladies Lingerie department and several firemen were injured in the ensuing melee. In the future, patrons should be advised that all U.N. lingerie is made from the parachutes of the now-defunct Cambodian army. The material is not flammable. A word to the wise!
-Betting-pool reminder: The number of casualties resulting from the Iraqi-Iranian engagement at Abadan last week numbered 345 on the Iraqi side, 781 on the Iranian side. Although the Bolivian mission came closest to a correct prediction of the losses for both sides ( 350 for the Iraqis, 800 for the Iranians), their total was off by 700. Please remember to add casualties resulting from both sides. Last week's prize money was awarded to the Chinese delegation after the Bolivian forfeit.
-Note to the French delegation: In the event of a sudden depressurization of the cabin of the SST Concorde during an air-locks malfunction, nasal overtones to the French language will be discontinued. Any call for the gendarmes will be ignored by flight attendants, who will themselves be screaming in fear of imminent disaster. Halloween masks will drop from cubbyholes in the ceiling; please put these on so that you will look ridiculous when rescue workers dig your bodies out of the wreckage.
-The U.N. Bake Sale raised $\$ 153.26$ this year, a new high! Proceeds will go toward paying off the huge debt we owe to the United States and the World Bank. Everyone's favorites this year were the mud pies baked by our friends in Botswana. The diamond-chip flavor seems to perk up everyone's appetite. Keep it up, Botswana!
-The Festival of Nations That Have More Refrigerators Than People will open with the raising of a maple-wood-finish, counter-height fridge to the top of the U.N. flagpole.
-Lost: One of the U.N. attack peacocks was let off its leash during last week's flag-washing ceremony. If it's found, please return it to the U.N. Security peacock pound. Approach the animal with caution, however; it is trained to peck as well as hoot.
-There is a continued shortage of rocks in Australia. The rock mines gave out some time ago, and paperweight production is down by 80 percent. Member states are requested by the Bureau of Rocks to please save paperweights
and pebbles found in their shoes so that they can be sent back to Australia and planted there. The Australian Geological Survey teams will then plant the paperweights and pebbles, hoping to grow a bumper crop of mountains in the coming years. Good luck to our upside-down friends!

## Spy Ring Uncovered by U.N. Guard

Another spy ring has been smashed by our trusty guard, Fred Knobber. The ring, thought to be the last of the masterspy network set up by the Kremlin in 1965, largely consists of Soviet agents posing as tourists.
"They work in groups of twenty or thirty, coming on to the tour guides as tourists," says Knobber. "They follow the tour guides around until they suck them dry of information, much of it having to do with the U.N.
"I first noticed them when one of them asked me for information that might lead him to the U.N. men's room, which is off limits to spies. I gave him a false lead, sending him to the Security Office instead. Then we let the Chilean delegation talk to him. He came around to our way of thinking pronto."

Fred will be awarded the United Nations Peace Medallion during next week's Peace Parade, to be held at the Peace Plaza near Peace Headquarters in New York.


Like most people who give a lot of their time to their fellow human beings and make life a bit brighter for others, Donna Thorpe has an apparently inexhaustible supply of craven, lickspittle aphorisms she seems willing to spew all over people until they come to despise her for the simpering, mewling little hunchback she is.

For the last thirty years, M.s. Thorpe has followed her fellow workers around, making what she thinks are helpful, worthwhile contributions to their daily lives. But in fact she is a living sump of human venality. Oh, yes, she makes a fine secretary attachée to the assistant nearby secretary-general. Who wouldn't, with that mouth? With a tongue like that, she could lick a nickel off a sewer bottom.

And don't let the smiles, the pert little "thank you"s fool you. She's a conniving, presumptuous tart without a stitch of pride to wear over that whoring soul of hers. There isn't a person here on the eighteenth floor who hasn't felt a wave of revulsion when sho brings us our coffee in the morning all dolled up like some Hong Kong pig-in-a-blanket.

Oh, sure, she ran the Thrift Shop . . . into the ground. She could have sent some of that clothing to earthquake victims in Peru. She could have, but instead she donated it to her favorite cause: ol' Numero Uno. And how about that little plastic beachball with the picture of the dinosaurs chasing each other'stails on it? We found it in her wastebasket the day she was supposed to offer it to the people of Ireland as a token of our gratitude for all they've done to ruin Ireland. Donna Thorpe, you mealy-mouthing, ungrateful pool of steaming sewage.

Good-bye, Donna. Even your death has made the world a little bit brighter.

> Signed,

The Staff on the 18th Trloor

## LETTERS

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that the supervision is gone. Yes, we are using all of the typical immolations and more, including the penetrating of thick plumbing pipes and chair legs through our faces and hurling our teeth across the recreation facility during the best songs. Not even the most complete new-wave persons anywhere can beat our style. Please call us the newest-wave lepers from Calcutta, who are happy to be reckless, irresponsible, and crazy now that the shriveled bat Teresa is away from our backs.

> Si'itaj Electricity 111 Colony Street
> Unit B Calcutta, India

Sirs:
I have a unique problem, which you just might be able to solve. You see, four of my patients in the mental ward have delusions that they are Napoleon Bonaparte, William Shakespeare, Jesus Christ, and Albert Einstein, respectively. What they need is to find someone crazy enough to believe he's Steve Allen, so they can all play the home version of "Meeting of the Minds." Look, we've even got some typical dialoguc written:

SHAKESPEARE: Say, Albert, what do you think of Romeo and Juliet? EINSTEIN: Great play, William. I especially enjoyed the scenes with all the relatives.
STEVE AlLEN: Hee hee hee.
Now, we certainly don't want that to go to waste. Perhaps one of your readers could be of help.

Dr. Tom Dooley Bellevue Hospital New York, N.Y.

Sirs:
Tell me a good one, will you? I haven't laughed since 1352.

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# TheLast Century 

 by Sean KellyLike the vast majority of rhyming prophets, the great Nostradamus tended toward the cryptic. No honest reader can deny the uncanny accuracy with which the Oracle foretold the infamous Defenestration of Prague:

A plethora of cabbages
When moons are on the wax,
Conflicting pithy adages
And graduated tax...
(Century 5, verse 72)
And this fully sixty-five years before the actual event!
There is no debating that the Ancient Magus foresaw the rise to mercantile power of the United States, although, in fact, his oft-quoted

A Spanish Woman with huge hips
Shall suffer to be built three ships,
In fourteen hundred and ninety-two
Columbo sails the ocean blue
(Century 1, verse 19) is in no way remarkable, the discovery of the New World having taken place eleven years before the Sage's own birth. (Serious scholars have, however, noted that the apparent misspelling of Columbus's name may be a "hidden" or "secret" prophesy concerning the future popularity of detective shows, or yogurt.)
Like many other prophets and thinkers of enormous importance (Freud and Marx come to mind), Nostradamus was, perhaps, limited-overly concerned with events and personalities in a small and tedious area of Europe. In his work, the nation of China, for example, is barely alluded to-mention of "a Sickly Dragon breathing fire" (Century 6, verse 56) is, indeed, taken by some to prophesy in summary the modern history of the Far East, but by others is interpreted as an allusion to the bilious lap dog belonging to an obscure Hapsburg duchess.
Working within the admitted limitation that Nostradamus did not know anything about anything about which we know anything, dedicated students have ascertained that steam power will be harnessed, wars will break out, and the French will have a succession of leaders, some better than others.
And yet an enigma has remained, teasing, flickering, tempting, dropping its hankie or blowing (as it were) in our ear: What about us? What about now? What about me!?
For down the centuries have come the whispers, the echoes, the taunting, sibilant lisps of rumors of ... an undiscovered book, the so-called "Last Century." (Nostradamus wrote his prophesies in "centuries," or collections of 100 quatrains, which do not correspond to actual "centuries," or hundred-year spans. Or perhaps they do. Who knows?) Have we not all heard the legend of a final, lost or hidden book that will tell us everything we need to know about what's going to happen, more confidently than a Kiplinger Newsletter, more personally than our own biorhythm chart, more certainly than Jimmy the Greek?
And lo! It has come to pass! Do not ask, gentle reader, how this occult manuscript came into our hands. Enquire neither whence nor wherefore. What though it was dictated via spirit writing through the trance medium of an acid-casualty barfly?
The point is: here we have Nostradamus's final prophesies for the (so to speak) foreseeable future! Read ... and heed.

## The Kinather

 And then how paraduxical The nightly news grows daily When all the anti-semites Are fiercely pro-Isracli.When timid aiberals toe the lineWithin the institution, Conservatives aspire to A total revolution.

## C ferfumed, whg-tressed bejeweled men In silks and velveteens Gaze upon brush-cut sodomites In 600 ts and denim jeans.

CWhen men conclude that hate and un Are mere repressed concupiscence. Women shall write grat books to sho That sex is based on violence.

## behold the unborn foetus and ween salt tears crocodiliar: All life is sacred (save, of coursc, An enemy civilian).

 From thase who cannut read. And those who do not own will sell to thase who do not need.
## And worse shall follow better As disease shall follow cure. As power makes them Felpless And money makes them yoor.

## - Ihe whate and the. Mighty Elephant Ihey'll fearless say, but by my troth Iyegerm and atom still shall be Leviathan, and Behemoth

## Seven King:

Afteralong and bloody war A General, no Demucrat, shall be clected leader. what could be worse thanthat?

A qapist then strall buy their-Dotes whose wife shall wear a pillbox hat. They'll kill and make a saint of him , And what is worse than that?

A barnvard chown sholl take his place Halfoaf, hatf wily alleycrat, To wage another bloody war. There is no worse than that.
Let there shall follow, dark and wet. A weasel posing as a rat who'll lie and steal and then...resign. Could there be worse than that?
A grumpy foster father next. A bumbling bonehead bureaucrat, Who'll bless and pardon all before And that is worse than that.

A grinning, sanctimonious foot,
A curmsy stumbling Dixiecrat, Shall then make straight the highway for A thing that's worse than that.

And they shall aropgreat metal balio On little yelow men,
Who'll shape them into chariots And sell them back again.

Ihe last tree pulped to print the law
That makes all tumbering illegalBeneath their (iving letterherad Ihe quite exterminated cagh.

The rivers flame, themountains burn, The sky is black at noon,
Ine birds are burning in the rain.
There's garbage on the moon.
And darkness over Europe spreads
To everyone's chagrin,
without the'Pollish workers
Io screw the bulb back in).
There shall be wars for rice and gas,
For creed and closs and race;
Eor sticks and stones and principles,
For fish and outer space.
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Ifis beard as white as snow.
And he will drive the yankees out But will not let them go.

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And starvina fit to burst.
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A people stunned with knowledge
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Folks turn more vain and vacuous and vicious.
Chen shall they poison swill
And dine on junk
And praise whatever's
Real, authentic punk.
Amummy with a lust forgore. Amummer-emptors, caveat He shall be just what you deserve.
Ihere's nothing worse than that!

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Io fertilize his history
By means of massive purges.
Confronting awfulalbion, Her power, pomp, and pelf, Each Jrish rebel shallarise And stoutly starve himself.
Now south, now North America. Come, tell me which is which: Retigious, Spanish speaking, Runby soldiers for the rich. $\qquad$ ,
The Century wind $\sqrt{\text { sup-or down- }}$ For it shall come to pass.
No bang, no whimper at the end. But simply,Out of $G a s$ ?





## MOOSE MODEL






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Those of you who think you know everything are very annoying to those of us who do

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4. Life is like a shit sandwich. The more bread you have the less shit you have to eat
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## INTRODUCTION

The reputation of warfare, built over centuries of organized armed conflict, has been sullied in recent times, particularly in the course of small wars between newly independent nations-those often called the third world. Many parvenu leaders burst upon the scene, anxious to make their mark in war. Few of them have the breeding or character to conduct their forces or themselves with style. The result? Too many potentially splendid little wars have been unforgivably ill-conducted. Many potentially memorable warriors have been forgotten. Pity.

In bygone days, princes were groomed in the art of war long before they became kings. But in today's egalitarian times, no one knows who tomorrow's leaders will be. Some have been rat catchers or bicycle repairmen; some have been illiterate tribal strong men. Given the undistinguished and uniformly humble backgrounds, it is little wonder that some have behaved badly.

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1．Declare war from a public building，or at least on public property，such as a park or a zoo．One never declares war in a car．

2．Proper dress is a must for war declaration，and if television cameras will be present，one should shower and shave as well．If one is overweight，one should wear a coat．A tightly buttoned military jacket can be very unflattering．

3．One should write down one＇s declaration of war and keep it in a safe place．Make photostatic copies of the declaration of war．One could lose the original in the confusion and hubbub of the crowd．

4．Keep the declaration of war simple and straight－ forward．Don＇t give the impression of pushiness or arrogance．For example，＂We are declaring war on Paraguay．＂

5．Say nothing you might regret if you should lose．

## ONE＇S FIRST INVASION

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With no sense of military formation，these troops are creating a bad impression among the local population．

No one cares for a disor－ derly invasion with soldiers run－ ning around willy－ nilly．One＇s in－ vasion should be kept orderly． One＇s troops must have clean uni－ forms and walk in regular rows．In case of invasion by sea，try not to
litter the beach．People might want to swim there someday．If invading by air，one should pick a conve－ nient place for one＇s troops to meet after the drop－a popular restaurant，perhaps，or，in the case of rural landings，a well－ known estate or sporting field．Not only will stray sol－ diers find the ren－ dezvous with less difficulty，but troops waiting for them will also have a pleasant place to pass the time．


These soldiers are conducting themselves in a tidy military manner．It is a good idea to have the men take numbers while they wait in line， in the manner of bakeries and other popular retail shops．

## PROPERTY RIGHTS IN COMBAT ओ》世世－

Attitudes toward private property will vary with the ideology of the army in question．One should not promulgate rules for all armies in this case，since such rules might themselves cause a war．It is enough to say that if one＇s cause is socialist or pro－

letarian，one＇s army may take what it wants and enjoy it in the name of the people．On the other hand，if one＇s army is upholding the right of private property or a similar principle，troops should be in－ structed to keep their sticky fingers to themselves．


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## CARING FOR THE WOUNDED ッみだ

Leaders who es－ pouse one of today＇s popular leftist ideologies should try to in－ sure that bandages and drugs are dis－ tributed equally among all soldiers， whether wounded or not．As it is im－ possible to insure


The soldiers of collectivism must be treated equally．Here all wounded troops receive head bandages whether they need them or not． that all soldiers will be wounded equally，the soldiers may wish to barter or otherwise redistribute the ban－ dages themselves．A wise strong man leaves this en－ tirely up to them．


Here，casualties in the cause of individual freedom gracefully defer to power and privilege，just as they should．

More tradi－ tional leaders will insure that the richest，most loyal， and strongest sol－ diers receive the most medical at－ tention without regard for the se－ riousness of their wounds．

## A WORD ABOUT PRISONERS

 －》）They eat one＇s food，take up space，and perform poorly whatever task is set them．No matter how civil one is to them，they reply only with name， rank，and serial number．This is rude and unfeeling．


Here，prisoners are delivered to a POW camp． behind the lines． There is only one solution：they must be killed．

Encourage them to commit suicide by giving them poisoned whiskey，for ex－ ample，or shoot them while they are trying to＂es－ cape．＂This can be done by announc－ ing that the prison has been moved and that since they are no longer in it，they must be trying to escape．

## THE OBLIGATIONS OF <br> DEFEAT <br> かわ＜

Nobody likes to think about defeat，but it does happen．And when it does，one must be con－ cerned with the feelings of one＇s subordinates and followers．When fleeing a besieged capital，for ex－ ample，one must take care not to upset the remain－ ing defenders unnecessarily．With death imminent， they don＇t want to worry about where their leader


It is not polite to leave rear－guard troops with the impression that they have been abandoned．One can spare their feelings by leaving behind lifelike replicas of oneself and one＇s staff．
has gone or when he＇ll be back for them．This is one case in which it is perfectly permissible to leave with－ out saying good－bye．

Also，one might find that decisions one makes during a war are viewed critically by a victorious enemy．In such cases it may be necessary to deny re－ sponsibility．In the process one might have to in－ criminate subordinates，allies，or close friends．These things happen；one should not torture oneself over them．

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One must consider one＇s followers in victory as well as in defeat，except that in this case one＇s obligation is to provide them with vicarious elation． They deserve to see their leader savoring triumph， and the greatest faux pas one could commit would be to deny them this pleasure．


In victory it is one＇s duty to share the people＇s joy．

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## LETTERS

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## Sirs:

After having grown up at thirtyseven to become the font of all earthly wisdom at forty-two, I feel well qualified to decry your journalistic rag for its unforgivable glorification of the macho, he-man mystique. The way you National Lampoon writers of the male persuasion exploit the female form within your pages-often even showing the female in provocative poses and in various stages of un-dress-is a crime! I am enclosing a copy of my new book, The War Between the Sheets. In it, I explain how the chest-beating, womanizing brand of machismo that you National Lampoon writers promote is just a coverup. That's right; you men probably don't realize it, but you're all fairies! Honest! It says so in my book, right on page 199.

You guys at National Lampoon are nothing more than brutes and savages whose macho posing is debasing the modern male image. What you all need is a good role model, someone like myself, who will liberate you from your self-imposed shackles of chauvinism and teach you how the real man of the eighties should behave. Just do what I do. Wear tight Calvin Kleins without any underwear beneath so that everyone will know your tiny penis does not bother you in the least and certainly does not determine your degree of "maleness." Buy the rest of your wardrobe from the pages of the latest Gentlemen's Quarterly and pin up any pictures of the male models whose style happens to strike your fancy. Marry an ex-Atlanta debutante and get a $\$ 15,000$ advance to write a book about what unbelievable beasts men are to women. Then, let your wife (or lover) beat you over the head with a rolling pin and piss in your mouth. Believe me, it'll make a man out of you.

Jerry Rubin
Still stoned on carrot juice Manhattan

## Sirs:

Well, now that l've finally made it to the big time, can someone explain to me what the letters GOP stand for? Also, those designer bathrooms Jimmy showed me when he gave me a tour of the place don't seem to be working, and I was wondering if someone could come check the plumbing;
that convenient office shower seems to be broken-no matter how many times I dial "hot water," the only thing that comes out of the red showerhead is the voice of some grumpy foreigner; and the specially designed toilet in the drawing room just will not flush, no matter how hard 1 press middle C .

Ron
Washington, D.C.
Sirs:
Somehody get me the patent office in a hurry! One of our kids at the Poughkeepsie Junior Science Fair has just invented a blowjob pill. You just take the pill and you get a blowjob right away. Don't ask me how. Who cares? Just be grateful it works. Now get me that patent attorney!

Delbert Giddy Junior Science Fair Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Sirs:
My name is Alfred and I'm so happy I finally completed seven long years of psychiatric therapy that I celebrated by boiling my neighbor's baby in a tub.


## Sirs:

The Albuquerque Witches Coven would like to announce our new spring lineup of celcbrity curses. For you guys: being Erica Jong's husband, having Donald Sutherland's wee-wee, going to bed with Billy Joel. For you girls: being Charles Bronson's wife, getting Barbic Streisand's face but not her voice, going to bed with Barry Manilow: For anybody: being cither Fidel Castro's facecloth or Marlon Brando's toilet for one day.
Of course, we've got nice curses too, like being Steve McQueen's beneficiary, or never having Steve Martin or Bette Midler ever know where you live. We're what you call white witches, sce? So please print this letter, or I'll put a Brando curse on you, Mexican style.

Derek
Albuquerque, N.Mex.
Sirs:
Oh, when those cotton balls get rotten, you can't pick very much cotton. Plus, it makes it difficult to spread Cloverine Salve. That's why I periodically inspect our medicine chest to make sure the cotton balls aren't rotten.

Senator Herman Talmadge
Too Drunk to Give a Fuck, Florida

Sirs:
I have a question. It costs two dollars to cross the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, round trip. Now, if you tell them in advance that you'll be jumping, will they let you on for half price?

Michael Cimino<br>Hollywood

Sirs:
I had this really vicious pair of designer jeans that 1 just couldn't relate to. I tried and tried to be nice to them, but the damn things just kept shrinking on me anyway. It was real frustrating. I pleaded with them, washed them by hand, massaged them, and spent hundreds of dollars taking them out to night spots and for expensive meals at fancy restaurants, but all to no avail. Nothing seemed to please them; they just kept getting smaller and smaller.

Finally we went to a clothing-consciousness group together, and did it ever help! I learned to look at the problem from the jeans' point of view for a change, and I became attuned to their biorhythms. We still have our problems, and they still shrink sometimes, but now we're both much more understanding of the other's head space.

Shirley Tooter
an Franciseo, Cal.

Sirs:
Columbia Pictures is shooting yet another remake of Class of ' 62 . You know, a movie about a class of willful, brilliant Vassar graduates who get together for a reunion and get catty about each other's failures and indiscretions. This one is called Class of '75 and stars Cheryl Tiegs, Ursula Andress, Annette Funicello, Deborah Harry, Jody Foster, Lucille Ball, and me. Jody's the replacement for Mae West. Do you think audiences will believe that Lucille Ball graduated in 1975? She's a good actress and all that, but, I mean, she's got all those stretch marks on her neck.

Maric Osmond Columbia Studios

## Sirs:

Sometimes, when it gets late, I'll put on Bowie's "Young Americans," and when he sings, "Do you remember... President Nixon?" why, I sing, "Oh, do you remember...me?"

President Nixon New York, N.Y.

Sirs:
If any senile or retarded people happen to find old paintings by guys named Rembrandt or van Gogh in their attics, remember: artists with funny names were invariably foreign, queer, and insane. Act quickly. I will take those worn-out, dangerous paintings off your hands for a modest charge. Be on the safe side and call me at the office, collect. Remember: queer and insane.

> Harold Jenkins
> Jenkins Art Gallery Chicago

Sirs:
I been doing some checking up and I found out some pretty disgusting things about the country of Italy that shows you just how low-down and conniving them fucking dagos can be. Talk about one-upmanship!

On February 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine blows up in Havana Harbor and 266 Americans get killed, right? Only eight years later the Italian steamer Sirico gets wrecked off Cape Palos and three hundred and fifty Eyeties get killed! In 1889, Pennsylvania has the Johnstown flood that kills 2,200 people. Seventy-seven years later, they gotta have an even bigger flood over in Florence and Venice. In 1906, we get the San Francisco earthquake that kills 452 people. In 1908, they gotta have an earthquake that kills eighty-three thousand people! This year we have the Mount Saint Helen's volcano that kills hundreds of Americans. So what do they do? They gotta have an earthquake that kills thousands of dagos!

You see the pattern? It just goes to show you that those pope-loving, spa-ghetti-drooling, wine-guzzling greaseballs will do anything to make the United States come off second best. Bobby Joe Plunkett

KKK Lodge 965
North Hills, Pa.

Sirs:
To borrow a phrase from Her Majesty, the late Queen Victoria of England: "We are not amused." Not only that, but we are not "amusing," and we will never be "amusing." And that is why we will never, ever, order a subscription to your magazine, let alone appear within its pages. Swill that one across your palates, dearies.

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## Gen. Alexander Haigs 1981 Republican Party Atlas of the

| Region, Political Division, or Place | Native Population | Form of Government | History |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FRANCE | Nice, but too many French people. | Arguing, yelling, weeping, and long essays in newspapers. | Had too many kings named Louis, s they killed them all and got themseives Napoleon for a while. After that, the lost a number of wars to the Germans. |
| SUN VALLEY | Not the sort of place anyone is actually from. | A large, resort-owning corporation. | Pretty much always has been the plac to go and still is-what with all the Ker nedy children littering up Aspen. |
| RUSSIA | People enslaved by communism, plus some communists. | Worst imaginable. | Used to be a gigantic country ruled b people without any sense, and still but now they have H -bombs. |
| HILTON HEAD | Very nice people. | Sensible zoning laws. | Used to be you could pick up lan around there for fifty dollars an acre-n kidding! |
| GEORGETOWN | Very nice people, but a disenfranchised minority population of Democrats can be troublesome. | Republican. | The last four years have been too awfu to recount. |
| LATIN AMERICA | More than they can feed. | They show poor form in practically everything. | Very little of note so far, but there' always the terrible possibility they'll sta making some. |
| MARTHA'S VINEYARD | Far too many writer types. | A part of Massachusetts, but whether or not that state can be said to be governed, in the dictionary sense of the word, is debatable. | One of the most important events i American history, the Chappaquiddic incident, took place on Martha' Vineyard. |
| PALM BEACH | Very nice; some Jews, but not the pushy kind. | Some very nice form, no doubt. | Founded by nice people in 1893 an kept that way ever since. |
| MAINLAND CHINA | They look like they' re all Chinese. | Communist, but not bad communist, like Russia. although it's still communist, so it must be pretty bad, but it might turn out to be not all that bad, considering it's no good. | China has a long. long history; almost a of it is Chinese history, however, an does not concern us. |
| THE JUNIOR LEAGUE | Everybody's wife and most daughters. | Squabbling, probably. | There doesn't seem to be any "Senio League," and the Junior has bee around for as long as anyone can re member, so who knows? |
| AUSABLERIVER | Trout fishermen. | Nasty looks at people who use live bait. | Used to be Indians around there, bu they couldn't tie flies. |
| ENGLAND | For foreigners, they are very close to being regular people. | They have a queen instead of a vicepresident to christen ships and cut ribbons at supermarket openings; otherwise it is very like a real government, though it used to be wickedly socialistic. | They were part and parcel with ou country, but they balked at that an since then have pursued a course of be coming prematurely involved in worl wars and giving far too much away t welfare mothers. All this has brough them to grief. |
| THE FOUR SEASONS | Powerful lawyers, agents, and other evolutionarily advanced primates who are host to a number of parasitical life forms called clients. | Government by maitre d: | Formerly a restaurant, now the physica location for a "power lunch." |
| BEVERLY HILLS | Lots of very, very nice people and a few pushy types. | Government is by bank loan. | It used to be so much fun in the old day when they were really making movies. |
| THE 7TH FLEET | Sailors and marines. | Commands, whistles, shouting at illiterate enlisted men. | Used to guard Quemoy and Matsu, now supposed to be somewher around the Persian Gulf. |
| NEW YORK CITY | Lots of pushy types and a few very, very nice people. | Federal assistance. | Not really part of America; must hav floated over from Europe by accider when no one was looking. |
| THE MIDDLE EAST | Viola-nosed goat pilots with their heads wrapped up in somebody else's kitchen dish towels, plus some Jews where everybody wishes they weren't. | A subject comparable to quantum physics in its complexity and to sewage in its charm. | There are things about which no decer man speaks in mixed company. |
| THE PLAZA | All too native-not what it once was. | Once governed by the principles of good taste, but no longer. | Yes, lots of it; but nowadays the Carlyl is a much better hotel. |
| THE THIRD WORLD | Unruly, unclean, and uncountably numerous. | They cannot govern themselves and will not allow anyone else to do it for them. | We conquered practically all of ther once, but they were so dirty we had t let them loose. |
| YALE | Better sort of college student, plus a few of the very intelligent kinds of Negroes and girls. | Deans and proctors and so on. | Yes, and Poli Sci, Medicine, and Lav also. |

## wn World-WORLD POLITICAL INFORMATION TABLE

| atural Resources | Economy and Trade | Natural Features | Wildlife and Vegetation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| רeese, wine, spurious titles of nobility. | The principal export is names for foodhors d'oeuvres, for instance, or boeuf Bourguignon. | None: some unnatural features, however, of considerable interest. | Immense underground truffle forests. |
| ıW. | Snow, followed by immense amounts of alcohol. | Snow. | Six-foot, drug-bearing ski instructors can be dangerous game when pursued by daughters and wives. |
| bombs, the U.N., college students in רelly countries everywhere. | Import wheat and export international terrorism. | Many prison camps, very few automobiles or TV sets. | Political dissidents lead lives like animals; it is not known what kind of lives the animals lead. |
| rrific golf course. | Mergers, acquisitions, stock deals, but no business chitchat while others are putting. | Terrific golf course. | None of that sort of thing allowed. |
| urge corporations, banks, fundamenlist political-action committees, and Ipport of the National Rifle sociation. | Look for an upturn at the end of 81 . | Blue eyes, nice tans, good teeth. | Jody Powell has been run out of townso much for widlife; but some of the houses have very pretty little gardens. |
| e still own most of them, thank God. | They practice no economies and trade mostly insults. | Loud music, dirty naked children, kidnappings, and assassinations. | Too much of both-almost none of it edible. |
| urious beachfront properties open to indo development, as soon as certain erals become as bankrupt financially they are politically and philophically. | Persons interested in either go to Dark Harbor in Maine or visit the Forbes family on Naushon Island. | Lillian Hellman's nose. | The Kennedy family provides examples of both wildlife and vegetable matter. |
| est Palm Beach-which gives the help meplace to live. | Most people are retired now. | Its own ocean, which is conveniently located right on the beach. | The gardener takes care of that sort of thing. |
| s a natural resource the Chinese have, imarily, a great many Chinese. | They all seem very busy, in their antlike fashion. | A very long wall: but since there is nothing but more China on either side of the wall, it is very hard to say what the Chinese are walling in or walling out. | They ate it all, a long time ago. |
| awful lot of money from charity ills-all of it paid by husbands and thers. | It's the husbands and fathers who work. | A whole lot of women. | No noticeable wildlife, but an awful lot of damn expensive flower arrangements at those dances |
| put stream. | Trout fishing. | Stream full of trout. | Trout, and a bunch of overhanging branches to foul your line in. |
| e world's best peppermint-cream afers, an excellent golf course in Scotnd, some oil, and those wonderful Brit1 accents. | Imports include all machinery with more than two moving parts; exports focus on television miniseries based on all those novels written by Cliff Notes. | Pale complexions, weak chins. | Some birds, many bird-watchers, privet hedges, and the yew. |
| nall salads, flufty omelets. | American Express, Diners Club, Carte Blanche. | Don't let them seat you in the Pool Room at lunch; it's even more demeaning than the Party Room at Elaine's. | Smoked salmon and vegetable crudités. |
| eauty and popular appeal, which ostly take the form of real estate. | Enteriainment, which mostly takes the form of talking about real-estate deals. | A lot of really valuable real estate. | The wildlife is all up in the canyons; vegetation, on the other hand, is a more or less permanent state for many residents. |
| whole lot of atom bombs and not quite many helicopters as it used to have. | Yes, and it better continue or we'll have to bomb the crap out of somebody. | Commands, whistles, shouting at illiterate enlisted men, a whole lot of atom bombs, and not quite as many helicopters as it used to have. | Some sodomy and a great deal of marijuana hidden under bunk mattresses. |
| ome Jewish people who have conrted to Republicans. | Most residents are employed in either crime or international finance; the two professions can be differentiated according to size. | The areas outside Manhattan Island and above Ninety-sixth Street have not been explored as yet by an Englishspeaking white man. | Doubtless some of both is available for sale, since everything else here is. |
| ore than enough has been printed on is subject already; suffice it to say, ese countries do not sit astride the orld's largest deposits of blackboard ate or commercial-grade billiards alk. | We give them money, they give us trouble. | Sometime-no doubt within the next de-cade-all the natural features of this region will be suffused with a brilliant radioactive glow. | There is little wildlife or vegetation in this area, and soon there will be less. |
| e Palm Court, the Oak Bar, Trader c's. | Certainly does not represent an economy, and far too many of the guests are engaged in trade. | Get a suite overlooking the park. | Call room service. |
| ore than they deserve or have any ea what to do with. | If we quit giving them so much food, maybe they wouldn't have the strength to riot so often. | A boundless sea of sullen, dusky faces waiting for more communist-made automatic weapons before they pour forth and inundate civilization as we know it. | Most common flora is our wheat: most common fauna is the disease germ. |
| illiam F. Buckley and alumni in the ate Department and the CIA. | That sort of person should go to Harvard or Ohio State. | Train to New York. | There's the Skull and Bones initiation, if that counts. |

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# BCONONIC SURYIVAL 

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SCENARIO A: Inflation continues at present rate; oil prices rise steadily without any major supply breaks. President Reagan maintains a cool head; unemployment holds steady at current level. Prime rate steady at 16 percent. Stable global political activities. Economic indicators level or head upward at a modest rate.

STRATEGY A: Make your wife get a job. If she has a job, have her put in for more overtime or quit and get a betterpaying job. Teenage children should be put to work. If they complain that they will be mocked and ridiculed, ask them what they would rather have: a full belly and warm bed, or a group of people to hang around a shopping mall with. If they answer to the latter, show them the back of your hand. Insulate your home and mete out stiff punishment for leaving the door open when someone goes out for the paper or brings in groceries. Become a boring old energy miser; walk
around turning off unnecessary lights, clicking your tongue, and mumbling numbers and figures. Forbid your wife to give gifts to friends. Get your hair cut at a regular old barbershop and never pay more than four bucks. Cut out unnecessary frills like vacations; you never went to the Bahamas and you grew up all right. Don't entertain; don't lend goods or money to anyone, even your mother. And while you're busy not lending things, go next door and get your aluminum extension ladder back. In a time of economic calamity, your neighbor may nationalize it.


STRATEGY B: Convert cash reserves to a mixed bag of pre-1964 U.S. silver coins, Krugerrands, maple leaves, Austrian coronas, Oriental rugs, and Chinese art. Bury the metals in the yard. Forbid your wife to shop for groceries on an empty stomach and arm her with coupons even though she protests that coupons are an admission of poverty. Call in all debts, including the loans your children have outstanding to friends, regardless of how small they might be. Take the dog for a walk and come back with an empty leash. Start saving newspapers and metal cans. Buy a second set of tires, a gross of light bulbs, a case of Charmin, and a pellet gun. Winterize your summer cabin. Act calm and collected and don't let your friends see you taking the tires out of the trunk of your car. If they catch on that you're stockpiling, they'll start stockpiling and you won't be able to stockpile any more yourself. Outlaw fast food, convenience food, and all forms of entertainment. Pay off your mortgage. If that's not possible, sell your house and buy one you can pay off. Take away your children's driver's licenses to save gas. Buy dead bolts for the doors and window locks for the windows. Take advantage of all healthinsurance benefits, having all nonemergency medical problems taken care of. Don't roughhouse in good clothes or walk around in your stocking feet, and learn to shave with soap.


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SCENARIO C: South American-style inflation strikes at levels approaching 35 percent.Oil tops off at $\$ 75$ a barrel, when it's available. President Reagan consults with Rep. John Anderson about the mechanics of his proposed fifty-cents-a-gallon gas tax. Unemployment creeps toward 20 percent. Iran and Iraq team up against Saudi Arabia, and the Strait of Hormuz is mined with U.S. naval hardware given to Oman and sold to Iran. System for recording economic indicators is revised to show improvement. After two months, new indicators tumble.


STRATEGY C: Dump all paper currency, even the dollar autographed by Al Kaline that your dad got for you in 1963. Liquidate all paper holdings and convert cash to freeze-dried food, warm clothing, foul-weather Igear, and agricultural supplies. Slowly and secretly move those goods to your summer cottage. Buy a pair of Dobermans, abuse them, stick burrs up their fannies, and leave them to protect the goods. Inventory your workshop and make certain you have every tool outlined in your Better Homes and Gardens fix-it book. Those tools that you don't have, borrow from friends and neighbors, and emboss your name on them. Have your telephone number changed and keep the new number unlisted. Break relations with relatives beyond your immediate family unless $a$ ) they own farm land, b) they are wealthy, old, and self-sufficient, or $c$ ) they hold high-ranking positions in government, the armed forces, or law enforcement. Cash in your life insurance and buy a fuel-storage tank for your current home and one for the cottage. Stockpile cordwood, coal, bottled gas, canned goods, fertilizer, and seeds. Renew all drug prescriptions and contact your physician for additional medical supplies. Run your credit cards to the maximum credit limit, purchasing guns, ammo, clothing, building supplies, batteries, bedding, auto parts, and toiletries. Take delivery on your commodities, using your garage, if necessary, to store your 100 -ton lot of soybean meal. Set up a rifle range in the basement and teach the family to defend themselves and their property. Prepare them for the eventuality of having to shoot, snare, or hook their meals.

IISCENARIO D: Hyperinflation of 80-100 percent results in currency reform and issuance of fiat currency that the general public rejects, Monetary structure breaks down. Government seizes control of the production and distribution of all materials, closes banks and security exchanges, suspends redemption rights, and freezes prices and wages. The flight of capital across U.S. borders is blocked. Oil rockets to over $\$ 200$ a barrel. Japanese and West German economies collapse along with the British, Italian, French, and all South American economic systems. President Reagan almost dies in office, and while he's in a coma, the Russians advance their interests in the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Cities become battlegrounds for racial, social, and ethnic conflict. Vital services cease; widespread shortages become commonplace; black markets develop; crime is rampant. The American standard of living bottoms out.

STRATEGY D: Fortify your residence, sealing off all but the kitchen and the stairs to your basement bunker. Move all valuables, food, and barter items to the bunker and devise a code-word system to avoid accidental shooting of family members. Prepare your family to kill or be killed. Post prominent signs warning trespassers, and be ready to back up your threats with swift action. Under cover of darkness, travel to your cottage and put in crops. Return home and prepare for your departure to the cottage permanently when the seedlings come up. Steal whatever you safely can from friends, neighbors, stores, shops, and
strangers. Put the family on strict rations. If they complain, shoot to wound. Offer shelter and food for hard currency only, and charge what the market will bear. Identify persons with valuable goods, and $a$ ) attack them, $b$ ) provide a service in exchange for the goods, or $c$ ) offer your daughter's body. If necessary, raid a local farm, zoo, or animal shelter for fresh meat supplies. Abandon principal residence for the summer cottage. If the situation exists longer than food and barter items do, consider cutting your family loose and moving to the high country, where game, firewood, and fresh water will be in good supply.


SCENARIO E: President Reagan recovers, finishes his term, is elected to serve another four years, and declares war on the Soviet bloc.

STRATEGY E: Unload remaining supplies of food, ammo, medical supplies; fuel, tools, etc. Put proceeds into TRW, General Dynamics, Boeing, Chrysler, U.S. Steel, and other defense issues at a fraction of their actual value.


RSCENARIO F: President Bush refuses a Soviet surrender and vows to fight until every last communist is dead and capitalist systems are installed in every nation on the face of the earth. The economy booms; resources and energy are in abundance, thanks to technology breakthroughs and the discovery of massive deposits of oil and gas in the Baltimore Canyon and in the Overthrust Belt. Products and services are in abundance for the older, smaller, and more prosperous American population.

STRATEGY F: Memorialize the American war dead, including your own son, with a magnificent resort and hotel in the South Pacific built with McDonnell-Douglas dividends. Spend your remaining years in the splendor of your mountaintop estate, shooting exotic game from the windows of your sixteen-cylinder Cadillac Palais and boring your grandchildren to death with tales of your survival during the Bad Years.



- Edward R. Brown, thirtyseven, of Columbia, South Carolina, unlocked the door to a crawlspace beneath his house to allow exterminator John Garner, thirty, to make a termite inspection. But once Garner was under the house, Brown locked the door and ordered Garner to remove his clothes and throw them outside. Garner complied, waited a bit, then tried to force the door open. But Brown fired a shot through the door and three into the air, thwarting the escape attempt. Hours later, Brown placed a loudspeaker outside the crawlspace and began playing music. He demanded that Garner keep banging on the wall to prove that he was still there. After twenty-five hours, the naked exterminator was released. Brown was arrested and charged with kidnapping. $A P$ (contributed by S. B. Curtis)
- Workers at the Syntex Chemicals plant in Cuernavaca, Mexico, walked off the job demanding a 35 percent pay hike and special protection for those workers in a section of the plant that produces female hormones for birth-control pills. According to union leader Salvador Buenrostro, more than thirty male workers there have started growing breasts. UPI (contributed by Michael McMahan)
- Richard Healey, a Liberalparty spokesman in the Australian parliament, charged that prison authorities had purchased "French-type underwear" for transvestite inmates. He also claimed that female impersonators had been hired to instruct prisoners on makeup techniques.

Anthony Hague, correctiveservices minister, denied any knowledge of female impersonators giving makeup instruction to inmates, but he acknowledged that there are about twenty transvestites in New South Wales prisons and that they are allowed to wear makeup and female underwear. UPI

- Between listings for "Phone Company" and the "Physician's Optical Service," the Saint Augustine, Florida, telephone directory lists the following subscriber: "Phuchurselve Mahbelle, State Rd 207". (contributed by David Goff)
- Radio preacher Carl McIntire denounced fellow evangelist Oral Roberts after Roberts claimed to have seen a nine-hundred-foot-tall vision of Jesus. After publicizing the vision, Roberts reportedly received $\$ 5$ million in contributions toward
completing a building project where the vision occurred. McIntire, who took exception to the nine-hundred-foot-tall vision, said. "We don't know how tall he [Jesus] was, but we think it was under six feet." $A P$ (contributed by Peggy Bendel)
- Ninety-one-year-old Adelaide Douglas, a florist in Queensland, Australia, complained to authorities when she received in the mail, instead of a Virgin Mary statuette she had ordered, a nineinch dildo and a sex manual. Mr. Darryl Christmas. a spokesman for AVA Enterprises, acknowledged the mistake, explaining that the mail-order firm deals in both sex aids and religious trinkets. "We are serious people." he said in his apology. "I am the secretary of the local Vegetarians Against the Nazis group." Australia Express (contributed by J. C. P. Brown)
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Firemen of the Carol Stream Fire Protection District in subur. ban Illinois pose before a burning building.

George Thompson, Suburban Trib. (contributed by Lee M. Leinweber)

- Thirty-one-year-old construction worker Kiyomitsu Watanabe returned to his Tokyo apartment after a bout of drinking and found it overrun by cockroaches. He tried to burn the insects with his cigarette lighter but set the apartment on fire. Then. distraught at his humiliation by the cockroaches, Watanabe slit his wrists. He survived with "minor injuries," and was arrested for arson. $A P$ (contributed by Bill Moseley)
- Divorce lawyer John T. Holt and his wife, Phyllis, sued their La Jolla, California, neighbors Helen and William Hawkins, Jr., claiming that Hawkins and other neighbors had trimmed shrubbery, visible from the Holt home, into sexually sug. gestive shapes. The Holts demanded removal of trees and hedges trimmed to resemble "phallic symbols." San Diego Union (contributed by Craig Leimkuehler)
- According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, two Seattle women died from the effects of coffee enemas during the past two years. One woman was reportedly given ten to twelve enemas in one night, then one each hour for a number of days, as a home remedy for gallstones. Another received four coffee enemas a day for fourteen days at a Mexican cancer clinic. But the coffee itself was not the cause of death in either case. John Eisele of the Kings County, Washington, medical examiner's office said: "The lethal effect... was due to the vast volumes of enemas given rather than coffee per se." Science News (contributed by Al Kriz)



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low to the ground, and hold on to the ball, and the proper mental attitudethat uncoachable ability to prevent the frustrations, misfortunes, sexual assaults, creditor liens, badly conceived drug transactions, illegitimate children, and tax frauds of personal life from interfering with his performance on the field. "Let's give him tusks," one of us quips brightly, to illustrate that all living things are made from the same DNA. "Hold on!" another of our crew roars back. "That sounds like genetic engineering to me!" Indeed, we now own the deific power to build the toughest running backs ever known, hundreds of pounds larger than anyone else in their league, with osseous, reptilian plates rising from their spines and long, stinging tentacles strung to their loins like a Portuguese man-of-war's. Or instead we might construct a thousand Loni Andersons and John Ritters and all of our other favorite stars, and endow them with the intelligence and smallness of size to play computer football with the Negroes from inside the computer. "It's me, Loni Anderson!" she might reply to their question. "I'm in here!" Gradually the tenor of the Cosmos begins to resolve and congeal into a crisp, fathomable
union of appearance and fact; machines that seem to have people in them actually have people in them, and the Negroes are put at ease. They feel somehow connected to the universe, linked to its scheme through football computers sensibly populated with tiny mutant forms of their bestloved celebrities, produced from fourth-dimensional nucleic acid by travelers from the present through infinities where Ford Mercuries may possibly float on the wrong side of their spheres and black, sucking, irresistible cones narrow to holes in the universe smaller than tomatoes. That is the glory and the grace of the Cosmos, the interlocking order of its constituent parts, the imperishable ligatures of time bonding the genius of Democritus to a Lynx that might have transported him to the edge of knowledge. We imagine Democritus and his comrades banking and sliding through the centuries, stopping every so often to pick up brother in science Johannes Kepler, for example, before they finally lurch into our driveway like so many cock-a-hoop desperadoes. "It's good we could all get together," the vigorous lonian bellows between tall, ceramic flasks of wine and massive constructions of the five perfect solids he has wrenched from the trunk. Soon we are eating and talking in a grand,
cosmic social of all that is and ever was. The Lynx is outside, gleaming the proud, lucent luster of deep wax and advanced paint. The big-screen TV is on. The birds are singing, and the sun is fusing helium.
"Anyone want to play?" one of us calls out, waving a pocket-sized football computer in his hand. Kepler is instantly drawn to the device and inspects it with the solicitude of a great astronomer. "Who's in there?" he asks with urgency. "It's me. Loni!" responds the familiar voice inside the case. "Remember? Prague, 1620, drinks in the laboratory?" Kepler frizzles the tips of his wide mouth into a grin of fond remembrance and marvels at the ultimate relationship between all things-lon ${ }_{\mathrm{g}}$-dissolved galaxies and rocks in the patio, he and Loni Anderson from TV. "What a Cosmos!" he shouts passionately and triumphantly, and everyone cheers.


## COMING NEXT MONTH IN THE MAY NATIONAL LAMPOON




New York, New York Kidney specialists at world-famous Mount Sinai Hospital gather this month for their annual Spring Urine Tasting. "We've been holding this event for six years now," says Urology Department head Kevin Herdle. "The idea is to take two dozen patients with different types of kidney disease and attempt to correctly diagnose each of them on the basis of urine flavor and bouquet alone. No other testing methods are allowed. The winner gets three weeks at a well-known Long Island golf clinic with all expenses paid."


Gdansk, Poland Members of the Polish National Figure Skating Team practice for the forthcoming 1984 Winter Olympics. "We practice in our underwear," explains team captain Wladyslaw Wyszynski, "because that way when we wear our scanty figure-skating costumes they will seem thick and warm to us. And we practice with these great big wooden skates because that way when we put on our little wooden skates they will seem so light on our feet. However, it appears that all our ice has been melted."


San Francisco, California Fat Lilly's House of Hong Kong may be the worst Chinese restaurant in the world. Owner Lilly Choy doesn't deny it. "Our food is terrible," she says, "but we try to make up for it with unusual and amusing table service." Here a waitress-and-busboy team delivers a bowl of "bowl soup" to a waiting customer.


Palermo, Sicily Italian authorities have sent Police Corporal Salvadore Vespucci here to investigate alleged threats to government officials by the so-called Mafia, or Black Hand, criminal organization. But Corporal Vespucci has found himself with little to do and fills his time painting bottles. "There is no 'Black Hand' in Sicily," he says. "That is just a silly, silly rumor. I have been here for three months and surely 1 would have heard about the Black Hand by now if there was such a thing, but there is not. It is just some newspaperman folderol."

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[^0]:    "Oh, no! My best friend and my best friend's wife!"

[^1]:    This war broke out over a material dispute involving consumer goods． Therefore this army unit is entitled to commandeer whatever it wants．

